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CROW AGENCY – The Crow Tribal Secretary's Office is officially announcing today that it is now implementing its Apsaalooke Limited Liability Company Act (CLB 07-06) that was approved by the Crow Legislature in March, 2007.

A Limited Liability Company (LLC) is a popular form of business entity combining the best features of corporations and partnerships. The Apsaalooke LLC Act is patterned after the Revised Uniform LLC Act of 2006, and the Crow Tribe is the first jurisdiction in the world to adopt it. In addition to authorizing Tribally-owned LLC's as instrumentalities of the Crow Tribe in accordance with Article V, Section 2(c) of the Crow Constitution, the Act also provides "the legal framework for organizing individually-owned business entities under Tribal law in order to expand the private business sector on the Reservation."

The adoption and implementation of the LLC Act represents an historic step that allows Tribal members to establish individual businesses under Tribal law, and is expected to further the Tribe's economic development and business opportunities.

To begin the filing process, applicants should stop by the Secretary of the Crow Tribe's Office of Business Entity Registration to receive an LLC packet. Copies of the Act will also be available. Upon paying the required filing fee (\$50) and filing a Certificate of Organization as described in the Act, any person can create a Tribally-chartered LLC to conduct their business.

The Tribal Secretary's office and the Economic Development department are prepared to offer guidance to Tribal members on registering and setting up their companies. All people who would like to start LLC's are also urged to consult with a business attorney and/or certified public accountant for legal and tax advice on forming and operating their companies.