



## Need an experienced director?

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) and Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) have undertaken a new project to place volunteer independent directors with corporations that need external skills and expertise. Corporations have to be registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) to take part in the project. These independent directors can help to improve your corporation's corporate governance and develop strategic plans to make your business more profitable.

### Independent directors, where do they come from?

Independent directors come from some of Australia's most well-known and successful companies. They will volunteer their time to work with your corporation for a given term—no longer than two years. They do not need to be made members of your corporation.

Before they start working with your corporation, the volunteer directors will complete cross-cultural and community development training with ICV. They will also attend a briefing session run by ORIC on the CATSI Act and, if required, on working in remote communities. They will be ICV volunteers and adhere to the ICV motto of doing things in partnership with Indigenous people.

ORIC and ICV have a process in place to make sure that the right director is matched to the needs of your corporation.

### Costs

There are minimal costs to your corporation taking part in the program. ICV will pay for the travel costs of the volunteer director to a community or city and provide a small living allowance to cover daily expenses.

As a general rule, we ask corporations to provide safe, suitable accommodation for the volunteer directors, but we are aware that housing is a critical issue for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. If accommodation is a problem, ICV will find another solution. We also ask corporations to nominate a cultural mentor to provide cultural guidance and advice.

### Applications

If your corporation would like to take part in this program, please send an application to Gloria Jackson or Lea McEachern at PO Box 2029, Woden ACT 2606 or [info@oric.gov.au](mailto:info@oric.gov.au). The closing date is 31 March 2010.

Please write one short paragraph telling us why your corporation would like to take part in the program and how a volunteer director would help your corporation.

### Further information

**ICV website:** [www.icv.com.au](http://www.icv.com.au)  
ICV is an independent, non-government registered charity.

**ORIC freecall:** 1800 622 431 (not free from mobiles)  
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