

# Purchase a Treasure from Indian Country

Paul Szabo, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Necklace, Earrings & Bracelet, © 2009



## Buy Authentic American Indian and Alaska Native Art and Craftwork by Members of Federally Recognized Tribes

The Indian Arts & Crafts Board (IACB), an agency within the U.S. Department of Interior, promotes and protects authentic American Indian and Alaska Native art and craftwork. A top priority of

the IACB is the implementation and enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (Act), a truth in advertising law designed to prevent the marketing of art and craft products as "Indian" made when they are not made by Indians as defined by the Act.

### What is the Source Directory?

The IACB created a Source Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native Owned and Operated Arts and Crafts Businesses (Source Directory) to provide the public with a centralized resource to purchase authentic Indian art and craftwork. The Source Directory consists of a wide spectrum of cooperatives, private galleries, Tribal arts and crafts enterprises, and individual artists and artisans located nationwide. These businesses offer a wide variety of authentic Indian art and craft items such as jewelry, baskets, pottery, beadwork, woodwork, and fine art.

Barbara Gerard-Mitchell, Blackfeet, Anticipation, © 2010





*Gloria Traversie, Brule, Quilt, © 2009*

### **What are the requirements for a business to be listed in the Source Directory?**

To be eligible for a Source Directory listing, the business owner must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe. If the business is run by an Indian organization, it must be formally organized under Tribal, State, or federal law. Most importantly, the majority of products for sale must be handmade by American Indian and Alaska Native artists and craftspeople.



*Bob Lomadapki, Hopi, Bracelet*

### **Where can I find the Source Directory?**

The Source Directory is organized by State and can be found on the IACB's website at **[www.doi.gov/iacb/state-and-country-listings](http://www.doi.gov/iacb/state-and-country-listings)**

***For further information on the Source Directory, the IACB, or the Act, including how to file a complaint of a possible Act violation, please contact:***

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