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Quarterly Tribal Gaming Contributions to Arizona Fell 16.1 Percent

PHOENIX — Quarterly tribal contributions from Indian gaming revenue to the state of Arizona dropped 16.1 percent from the same period a year ago, the Arizona Department of Gaming announced today.

Arizona tribes' combined contribution for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 2008 was approximately \$12.8 million. That's down from about \$15.2 million in the same quarter a year before.

Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes with casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III gross gaming revenue to the state, cities, towns and counties. Gross gaming revenue (also called net win) is the difference between a casino's gaming wins and losses, before casino expenses are deducted. In Arizona, Class III gaming includes slot machines, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting.

State and local governments use tribal contributions to pay for education, trauma care, wildlife conservation, tourism promotion, problem gambling services, and the Department's operating expenses. Tribes send contributions to the state Arizona Benefits Fund every three months. Since the Tribal-State Gaming Compact went into effect in 2003, Arizona tribes have contributed more than \$483 million to the state, cities, towns and counties.

Here is how the quarterly tribal contributions in the state Arizona Benefits Fund were distributed:

TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 2008:	\$ 12,763,755.60
Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$ 6,224,543.86
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 3,112,271.93
Arizona Department of Gaming operating costs:	\$ 1,393,223.60
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 889,220.55
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 889,220.55
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 255,275.11

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona's tribes, regulates Indian gaming. There are 22 Class III casinos in the state.

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