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Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP Managing Partner Selected For Prestigious State Award

Lance Morgan, Managing Partner of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP (FPM), has been awarded the University of Nebraska Builder Award recognizing his service to the State of Nebraska and to the University. The award was presented to Morgan by former U.S. Senator, Ben Nelson, during the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's commencement ceremony.

Each year, up to two individuals are chosen to receive the Nebraska Builder Award. It is the highest non-academic award granted by the University. The policies set by the University Board of Regents specify that the award be given to individuals who have been "builders" of the State of Nebraska and/or the University. Morgan was the only person selected for the 2012 award.

The award nomination was made by Associate Professor Wendy Katz, of the University of Nebraska Museum and Department of Art and Art History, and Dean David Manderscheid, of the College of Arts and Sciences. Their nomination was supported by Chancellor Harvey Perlman, of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A letter from Chancellor Perlman to Morgan stated, "The State of Nebraska has been enriched by your leadership, service and contributions. These superb qualities have been demonstrated over and over again by you, and they serve as an example for all Nebraskans".

As Managing Partner of FPM, Morgan has helped several tribes evaluate their economies while assisting them with the development of economic diversification plans and tribal corporate legal structures. Additionally, Morgan acts as President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Under Morgan's leadership, Ho-Chunk, Inc. has grown from one employee in 1994 to over 1,000 employees with operations in 16 states and 8 foreign countries.

"It is a great honor to have been selected for the Nebraska Builder Award," said Morgan. "Ho-Chunk, Inc. has come a long way since it first began in 1994 and this award is a great recognition of the company's ability to make a positive economic impact at the local and state level."

Morgan earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and received his J.D. from Harvard Law School. He has been honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Harvard Law School, Nebraska Indian Affairs Committee and most recently by the White House in 2011 as a "Champion of Change", one of only 18 people across the U.S. to receive the honor.



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Morgan has also served as economic advisor to the Bureau of Indian Affairs; was appointed to the Consumer Advisory Board of the U.S. Federal Reserve for a 3-year term; and has consulted with other tribal organizations throughout the United States on economic development issues and tribal business enterprises.

Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP is dedicated to the representation of American Indian tribes and Native American organizations throughout the United States. Legal services provided by Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP include a wide spectrum of services related to Indian concerns in the areas of business transactions, litigation, and governmental affairs. The firm has offices in seven states and Washington, D.C. Nebraska office locations include Omaha and Winnebago. Visit our website at www.ndnlaw.com.

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