Yakama Nation to Donate Materials Valued at $91,000 to House of Knowledge

On April 10, 2009 at the House of Knowledge Land Blessing Ceremony, Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman Ralph Sampson, Jr. announced a generous donation to support the construction of the longhouse. The Confederated Tribes and Bands of The Yakama Nation, through its business enterprise Yakama Forest Products, will donate lumber with an estimated value of $91,000. More information on Yakama Forest Products can be found on their website, www.yakama-forest.com/.

The Yakama Nation’s relationship with the UW spans decades. Hundreds of Yakama students have earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at the UW and the Yakama Nation is actively involved in educational and research partnerships across campus.

**About the House of Knowledge:** When built, the House of Knowledge will create a welcoming facility for Native American students, faculty and staff. In analyzing similar facilities, building planners have found that similar university longhouses in the Northwest have helped to improve recruitment, retention and graduation rates for Native American undergraduate and graduate students. Additional growth in research, education and economic development partnerships between the UW and the region’s tribes is expected, as relationships with tribal governments advance.