



# Board of Director Biography

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## **Mel L. Twist, Board Member**

### **(Cherokee)**

(Cherokee) % Mel Twist founded his own general engineering and building construction firm specializing in commercial and industrial building construction and rehabilitation. As President and sole owner, he has employed and trained American Indians and provides part-time employment for four students each year. His commitment to Indian youth also includes participation with the Jr. Achievement Program at Sherman Indian High School, educational sponsorship, and assistance to Indian orphanages. Mel was recognized by CAMAC as the "Outstanding Indian Contractor" in 1985 and received "Award of Excellence" in 1986. He was selected by American Illustrated Magazine to be part of an article on American Indian businessmen that was published in both Russia and Austria and was selected by KTLA, Channel 5, to be one of five Minority Business Owners featured in their special "Making-It/Minority Successes." Mel has been a member of the NCAIED Board of Directors since 1987.