Another factor that makes AMERIND unique is its ability to understand Tribes and their needs.

“AMERIND understands that Tribal needs are different. Their people know what we're going through, how we were raised, the conditions we were raised in and our struggles. They know how to relate to Tribal members, and they take the extra time to make sure we have the coverage we need,” he said.

“As we bring new structures online, we want to use AMERIND as our insurance carrier as long as we can save money for the Tribe. If we can save the Tribe's resources, they can be allocated to other services or programs that will benefit Tribal members. AMERIND understands that.”

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes helped create AMERIND, and we want to support the insurance company we helped create,” Wassana said. “As long as we're all committed to the same goals, progress will occur. For the Tribes to be successful on any level, we have to support one another.”

Wassana said in recent years the administration of AMERIND has really excelled in its knowledge, experiences, and services, which is a great advantage for the AMERIND corporation and Tribal nations as a whole. To him, it's all about “Tribes Protecting Tribes.”

“That's who we are, who we'll always be,” he said. “As Tribes, we must grow, we must build, we must strengthen relationships with each other. If we don't help one another, we become a target for those who may try to take advantage of our Tribal resources. When we take care of each other, we all benefit.”