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Linda Akutagawa is President and CEO of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP) where she is responsible for LEAP's strategic direction, sustainability, relationships and collaborations. A beneficiary of LEAP's leadership programming and a passionate social entrepreneur for over 20 years, Ms. Akutagawa has dedicated herself to continuing the cycle of leadership development and inspiring Asian and Pacific Islanders to aspire to leadership roles in all sectors of society.

Ms. Akutagawa is a graduate of the Southern California Leadership Network's California Connections class of 2011-2012. She is an alumnus of the National Urban Fellows America's Leaders of Change class of 2010-2011 and was a member of Leadership America's class of 2007. She is Vice Chair of Boat People SOS-Orange County, a member of the Board Directors of the Asian Women Leadership Network and a Board member of Japanese American Community Services (JACS), a community grant-making organization. Linda received her B.S. in International Business with a minor in Economics from California State University at Los Angeles.