



September 5, 2012

Dear Tribal Leaders & Participants:

Welcome to the 16th Annual United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit. We are pleased you are able to attend this year's event.

This year's theme is **"Education Leading the Way to Sustainable Tribal Development: Energy Development, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Law Enforcement, and Environment"**

We have humbly tried to cover some of the most pressing issues facing our Tribal Nations today. Since our needs are so great and varied from Tribal Nation to Tribal Nation we tried to incorporate some threads that interwoven between us all. In the past couple of years we have experienced some unique opportunities in Energy development. With that comes growth and infrastructure development. The Oil Boom has impacted everyone with in state of North Dakota and especially some of our Tribal people.



This past week we have lost a very important supporter of our campus and Indian Country as a whole. Chairman Stanley Crooks of the Mdewakanton Dakota Sioux Community was a visionary and believed in giving back to the communities that aren't so fortunate. He will be missed.

On a personal note, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the Tribal Leaders, participants and organizations for making the United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit such a productive and beneficial gathering for all Tribal Nations in the region and in Indian Country. Pilamayapelo!

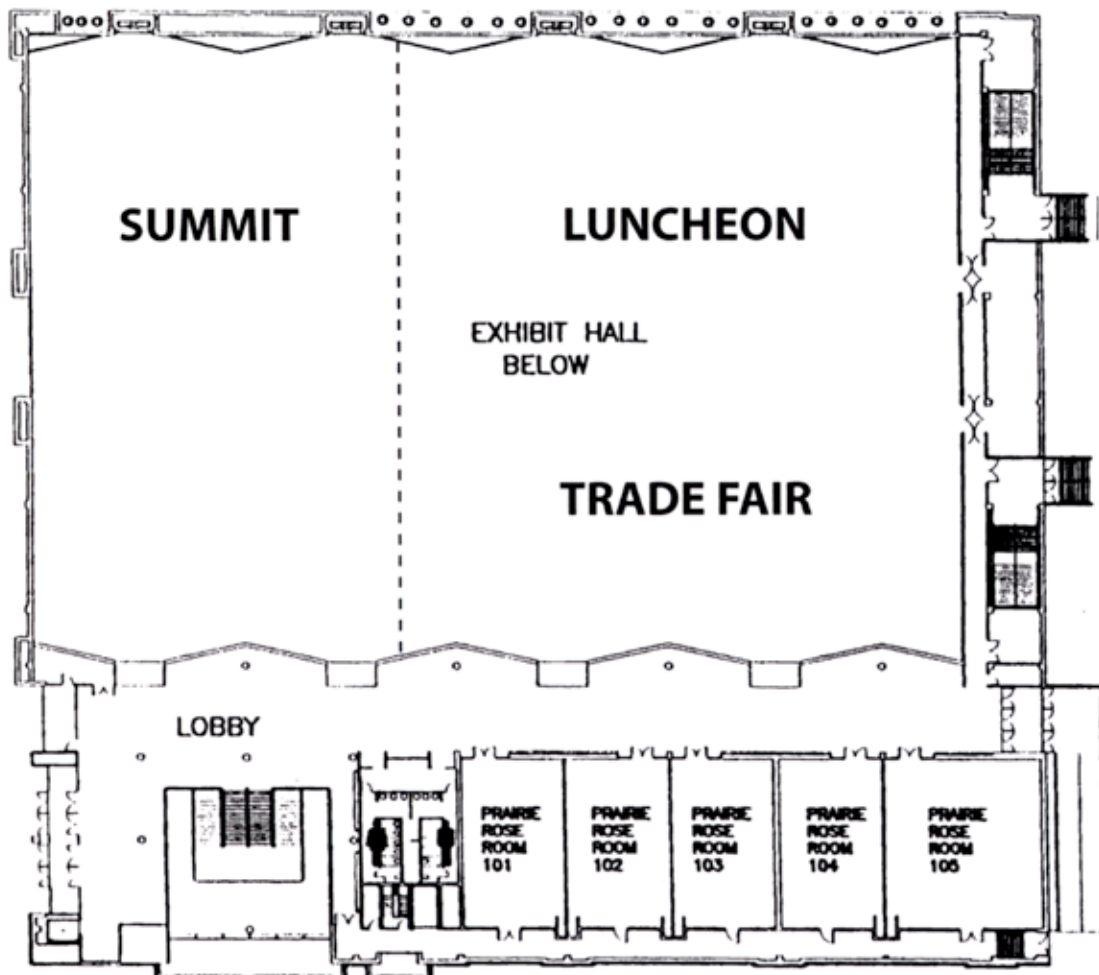
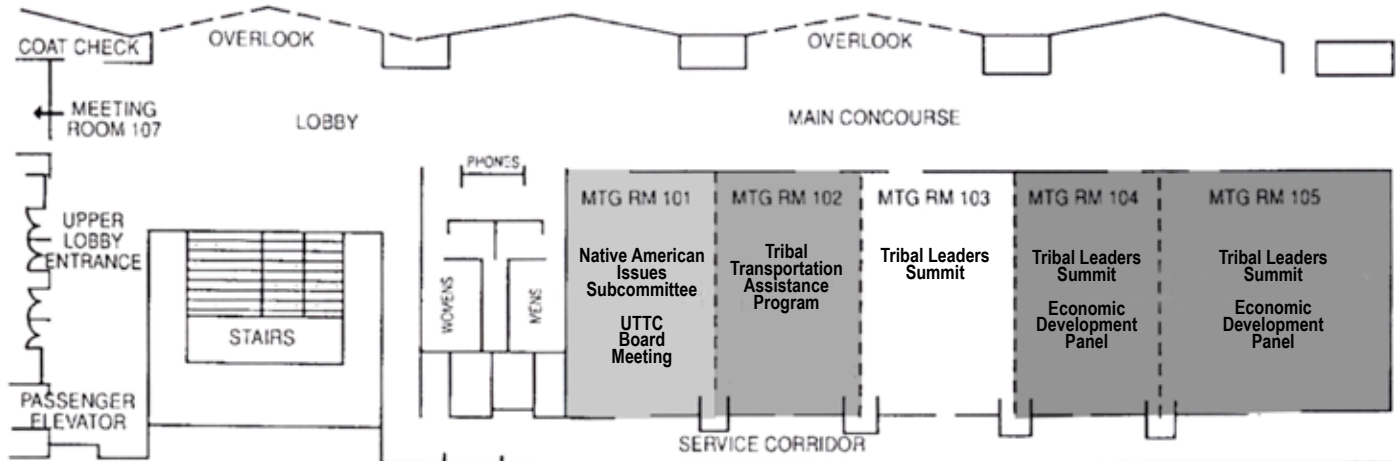
Sincerely,

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David M. Gipp
President
United Tribes Technical College

- CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE LAYOUT -

Meeting Rooms - upper level





**September 5–7, 2012 • Bismarck Civic Center Exhibition Hall
South Fifth and Front Avenue, Bismarck, ND**

Education Leading the way to Sustainable Tribal Development:

- *Energy Development • Infrastructure*
- *Economic Development • Law Enforcement • Environment*

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Tribal Transportation Assistance Program Conference
Prairie Rose Room 102 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

Tribal Leaders Summit
Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Native American Issues Subcommittee Meeting
Prairie Rose Room 101 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

Tribal Transportation Assistance Program Conference
Prairie Rose Room 102 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

Tribal Leaders Summit
Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

Friday, September 7, 2012

United Tribes Technical College Board Meeting
Prairie Rose Room 101 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

Economic Development Resources
Prairie Rose Room 104 – 105 (Upper level Exhibition Hall)

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Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Registration Opens7:15 A.M.
Lower Level, Bismarck Civic Center Exhibition Hall

Opening Ceremonies9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105

Invocation
Tribal Elder

Honor Song
Wise Spirit Boys

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem
Bobbi Rae Ranger

Introductions and Agenda Review
David M. Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College

Opening Welcoming Remarks
Charles W. Murphy, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, UTTC Board
Tex G. Hall, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Tribe, UTTC Board
Merle St. Claire, Chairman, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, UTTC Board
Robert Shepherd, Chairman, Sisseton – Wahpeton Oyaté, UTTC Board
Roger Yankton, Sr., Chairman, Spirit Lake Tribe, UTTC Board
N.D. Lt. Governor, Drew Wrigley
Senator John Hoeven
Honorable John Warford, Mayor, City of Bismarck
Honorable Arlyn Van Beek, Mayor, City of Mandan
Kelvin Hullet, President, Bis/Man Chamber of Commerce
Other dignitaries and honored guests

Break.....11:00 – 11:15 A.M.
Upper Level Exhibition Hall

Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105..... 11:15 – Noon
Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs

Luncheon Noon – 1:30 P.M.

Keynote Speaker

Tracey LeBeau, Director of Office of Indian Energy

United States Senate Candidates

Heidi Heitkamp, Democratic Candidate and Rick Berg, Republican Candidate

Department of Public Instruction Candidates

Kirsten Baesler, Republican Candidate & Tracey Potter, Democrat Candidate

Native Vote Group

Janet Thomas

Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105 1:30 – 2:30 P.M.

Presiding Chair, Chairman Tex Hall (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation)

Chairman Robert Shepherd (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyaté)

**Energy Development in Indian Country – Office of Indian Energy
National Updates and Opportunities in Energy**

Listening Session on Indian Energy & Energy Infrastructure

Jodi Gillette , Special Advisor on Native American Affairs, White house Domestic Policy Council

Tracey LeBeau, Director, US Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy

Elsie Meeks, South Dakota State Director, USDA Rural Development

Pilar Thomas, Deputy Director, Division of Energy and Mineral Development

Employment and Business Opportunities 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.

DEMAND Project Workforce

Dave Archambault Jr. and Dr. Leah Woodke

TERM Project

Dr. Jeremy Guinn and Arden Boxer

Break 3:00 – 3:15 P.M.

Energy Development in the Region 3:15 – 3:45 P.M.

Lynn Helms, Director of North Dakota Oil & Gas

Energy Development in Indian Country 3:45 – 5:00 P.M.

Fred Fox, MHA Nation Energy Office

TERO, Charles Foote, MHA TERO Office

Transportation, Richard Hall, MHA Roads

Networking Event - Appetizers and Beverages 5:00 P.M.

Exhibit Hall A

**Miss Indian Nations XIX Shanoa Skye Pinkham, Miss Indian Nations Candidates &
Entertainment by Bobbi Rae Ranger**

THURSDAY



Thursday, September 6, 2012

Registration..... 8:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Invocation.....9:00 – 10:00 A.M.
Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105

Presiding Chair, Chairman Merle St. Claire (Turtle Mt. Band of Chippewa)

North Dakota Tribal Leaders discuss issues of Public Safety, Domestic Violence and Tribal Courts with Department of Justice's Native American Issues Subcommittee (NAIS)

Moderators:

David M. Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College
Timothy Purdon, Vice-Chair, NAIS, US Attorney, District of North Dakota

Break.....10:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Upper Level Exhibition Hall

Federal Law Enforcement Components discuss issues of Public Safety, Domestic Violence, and Tribal Courts with Tribal Leaders10:15 – 11:55 A.M.

Brendan Johnson, Chair, NAIS, United States Attorney, District of South Dakota
Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice
Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice
Ethan Shenkman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice
Darren Cruzan, Deputy Bureau Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services
Michelle Gruzs, Chief, Indian Country and Special Crimes Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation

LuncheonNoon – 1:30 P.M.

Brian Drapeaux, Director, Bureau Indian Education (BIE)

Miss Indian Nations Candidates

United States House Candidates

Kevin Cramer, Republican Candidate and Pam Guleson, Democratic Candidate

North Dakota Governor Candidates

Jack Dalrymple, Republican Candidate and Ryan Taylor, Democratic Candidate

Invited Cultural Dance Group

Tafiti Samoan Fireknife Dancers

Prairie Rose Room 103 – 105..... 1:30 – 2:15 P.M.

Presiding Chair, Chairman Roger Yankton (Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe)

Health Care

Stacy Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs,
US Department of Health and Human Services

Collaboration for Healthcare Change

Brad Hawk, Associate Vice President of Wellness

Twila Martin Kekahbah, Advisory Panel, Office of Women's Health, Minority Women's Panel

Opportunities for Tribes

Lillian Sparks, Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Commissioner

Taxation in Indian Country..... 2:15 – 3:00 P.M.

Mark Van Norman, Senior Advisor NIGA and Consultant

Mark Fox, MHA Tax Department

Carol Two Bears, SRST Tax Department

Break..... 3:00 – 3:15 P.M.

Upper Level Exhibition Hall

Indian Gaming 3:15 – 4:00 P.M.

Current Trends and Upcoming Legislation

J. Kurt Luger, Executive Director Great Plains Indian Gaming

Mark Van Norman, Senior Advisor NIGA

Ernie Stevens Jr., NIGA President

Tribal Historic Preservation Office..... 4:00 – 4:30 P.M.

Wasté Win, Director, SRST THPO Office

Bureau of Reclamations 4:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Richard Long, Dakotas Area Office Manager, Bureau of Reclamation

Powwow Ground Blessing..... 4:00 P.M.



Friday, September 7, 2012

Economic Development

Prairie Rose Room 104-1058:30 – 9:45 A.M.

Presiding Chair – Chairman Charles Murphy (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe)

Native American Economic Development Resources Discussion

Brek Maxon, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Business Center –
American Indian & Alaska Native Program

Loren White, Procurement Specialist, NADC – Native Procurement Technical
Assistance Center (PTAC)

Scott Davis, Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

Al Nygard, President & CEO, Al Nygard Consulting

Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor to the USDA Secretary, Tribal Affairs

Break.....9:45 – 10:00 A.M.

Upper Level Exhibition Hall

Indian Business Alliances Panel10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Highlights, Upcoming Activities & Network of Alliances in the Region Discussion

South Dakota Indian Business Alliance (IBA)

Ms. Michelle DuBray, Pinto Horse Woman Consulting

North Dakota Indian Business Alliance

Ms. Leslie Morsette, Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Business
Alliance

ND Tribal Economic Development Directors Panel..... 11:00 – 12 Noon

Current Trends And Future Development Discussion

Spirit Lake Tribe – Ms. Mary Cavanaugh

MHA Nation – Ms. Lisa Redford

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians – Ms. Anita Blue

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – Ms. Cynthia Antelope

Sisseton – Wahpeton Sioux Tribe – Chairman Robert Shepherd (or Designee)

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Partnership Training (Afternoon)

Prairie Rose Room 104 – 105..... 1:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Welcome & MBDA Program Redesign

Brek Maxon, MBDA Business Center – American Indian & Alaska Native Program

Introduction to Partnership Training 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Mr. Loren White, Jr., Procurement Specialist, NADC – Native PTAC

Partnership Contract Review..... 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.

Larry Stockert, Consultant, MBDA Business Center- American Indian & Alaska Native Program

Teaming Arrangements..... 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Dale Van Eckhout, Senior Area Manager, Bismarck SBA Office

Q & A and Networking 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Prairie Rose Room 101.....12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

United Tribes Technical College Board of Directors Meeting



Listening Session on Energy & Infrastructure Development in Indian Country (Wednesday, 1:30 – 2:30 P.M.)

This session will focus on initiating a dialogue with tribal leaders on their visions of the future of energy and infrastructure in Indian Country. Given time constraints, to begin the conversation, the following areas will be initial focal points: 1) the role of public-private partnerships in Indian Country; 2) identification of federal policy which present challenges and opportunities to support tribal infrastructure development; and 3) discussion of federal programs, and program intersections, which pose challenges or opportunities for tribal infrastructure development.

Economic and Business Opportunities (Wednesday, 2:30-3:00 PM)

Last fall, UTTC was the recipient of two significant grants to promote training and business opportunities in Indian Country in the northern Great Plains. The DeMaND project is a three year \$18.9 million Department of Labor grant to four Tribal colleges in the Region, with UTTC as the lead Tribal college, that provides funds for training for jobs that are needed in our Region; while the TERM grant of \$1.7 million is coordinated among three separate federal agencies and involves seven Tribal colleges in training and business development opportunities, particularly in environmental fields. The directors of these programs will describe what these opportunities mean for the Tribes and Tribal colleges in our Region.

Energy Development in the Region (Wednesday, 3:15-5:00 PM)

In the past 10 years, Lynn Helms, Director, has seen enormous change in the Oil and Gas Division of the Mineral Resources Department of the Industrial Commission of North Dakota. North Dakota is now ranked as the No. 2 state producer of oil in the U.S., and may become No. 1 in a year or so. Lynn will describe what the future may bring to the oil patch in North Dakota, while Tribal leaders from the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes) will describe the impacts, good and bad, that oil development has had on their Nation with regard to transportation, the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and energy development.

Native American Issues Subcommittee (NAIS)
(U.S. Attorneys Conference) (Thursday, 9:00-11:55 AM)

In a series of panels, Tribal leaders will have an opportunity for dialogue with U.S. Attorneys and Assistant U.S. Attorneys from this region who are part of the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee, part of the Department of Justice. At least 29 U.S. Attorneys from various states must deal with Indian country within their jurisdictions, and the NAIS tries to advise the U.S. Attorney General on the right policies to pursue with regard to federal law enforcement in Indian Country. U.S. Attorney for North Dakota, Tim Purdon, is a member of the NAIS and will lead the discussion and review of NAIS activities and their progress under the leadership of Eric Holder, Attorney General for the United States.

Health Care
(Thursday, 1:30-2:15 PM)

Health care remains a hot topic following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in late June upholding the main components of the Affordable Care Act, or the health reform law, passed by a bitterly divided Congress in the spring of 2010. Stacey Ecoffey is a long time Tribal health care advocate who will provide some insights on how the national health care laws affect Indian country. Brad Hawk and Twila Martin Kekahbah will discuss the collaboration of UND Rural Health, Healthy ND, ND Department of Health, NDSU, and UTTC to engage communities throughout North Dakota with the CDC Community Transformation Grant. The discussion will explain how this grant will strive to reduce chronic preventable diseases in different North Dakota communities. Lillian Sparks, the director of the Administration for Native Americans, part of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department (HHS), will describe how the services her agency can provide regarding health care and related issues.

Taxation in Indian Country
(Thursday, 2:15-3:00 PM)

Tribes are supposed to be exempt from taxation, as implied in the U.S. Constitution. But recent developments within the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, suggest otherwise, as the IRS is conducting audits of Tribal government expenditures and programs that provide benefits or payments to Tribal citizens to determine whether such payments are exempt from taxation under the so-called "general welfare" doctrine. This, and other issues regarding taxation of Tribes or Tribal citizens will be discussed by a panel of Tribal experts, who will be joined by Cory Fong, the Tax Commissioner for the state of North Dakota, who will provide the state's perspective on taxation in Indian country.

Indian Gaming
(Thursday, 3:15-4:00 PM)

Some consider Indian Gaming to be at a crossroads as Indian gaming venues find themselves challenged by states scrambling to find more revenue, including revenue from state permitted or state sponsored gaming activities. Kurt Luger, longtime Executive Director of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association, along with Mark Van Norman, Senior Advisor, and Ernest Stevens, Jr., President, of the National Indian Gaming Association, will explore the issues facing Indian gaming, especially following the untimely death of Stanley Crooks, longtime Chairman of the Mdewakanton Dakota Sioux Community. What can Indian gaming do to reinvent itself nearly 25 years after the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act? Will Indian Tribes be able to take advantage of internet gaming? These questions and more will be considered by this panel.



Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) (Thursday, 4:00-4:30 PM)

What are Tribal Historic Preservation Offices? What do THPOs do? Why are they important? Among other things, THPOs are working hard to protect the cultural and spiritual resources of Tribal Nations. Waste' Win, the THPO Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, will give an overview of her office and its functions, including a brief discussion of some recent events affecting THPOs regionally and nationally.

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) (Thursday, 4:30-5:00 PM)

The Bureau of Reclamation is a vital component of the provision of water on many Indian reservations in the Great Plains and elsewhere. The BOR, among other things, provides principal funding for significant federal water projects that supply rural water in our Region. Richard Long will describe what the current activities of the BOR are in the Dakotas in relation to the Tribal Nations.

Business Alliances – Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) (Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon)

A series of panels of business alliance and business leaders from North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana will discuss opportunities for individual Indian entrepreneurs in their respective states. Also to be discussed will be changes that are occurring in federal and state programs meant to assist minority entrepreneurs and how Tribes and Tribal citizens can take advantage of these programs. The final panel of the morning will be composed of Tribal economic development directors who will discuss the challenges facing Tribally owned enterprises and individual Indian entrepreneurs for their respective Tribal Nations, and what some of the solutions might be.



Meetings & Conferences • September 4-9, 2012

43rd Annual United Tribes International Powwow

United Tribes Technical College Bowery • September 6-9, 2012

Contact: Julie Cain, Powwow Chair 701-255-3285 ext. 1276

<http://www.unitedtribespowwow.com/>

United Tribes Tribal Leaders Summit XVI

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Contact: Tiffany Hodge 701-255-3285 ext. 1482

16th Annual Tribal Transportation Planners Conference

Bismarck Civic Center - Exhibit Hall • September 5-7, 2012

Contact: Dennis Trusty 701-255-3285 ext. 1262

Tribal Transportation Planners Conference

Best Western Doublewood Inn • September 8, 2012

Contact: Dennis Trusty 701-255-3285 ext. 1262

Tribal Leaders Summit Trade Show

Bismarck Civic Center Exhibit Hall • September 5-6, 2012

Contact: Deb Painte 701-255-3285 ext. 1232

Miss Indian Nations Pageant

United Tribes Technical College – Jack Barden Center / Lower Level • September 6-9, 2012

Contact: Sharon Clairmont 701-255-3285 ext. 1499

Sex Offenders Project Meeting with the Five Tribes of North Dakota

United Tribes Technical College - Building # 61 Conference Room • September 4, 2012

Contact: Sandra L. Belgarde 701-477-8375 ext.10

BIA Indian Police Academy – BIA Supervisory Special Agent Meeting

United Tribes Technical College – Wellness Center Healing Room • September 4-7, 2012

Contact: Garry Sam 575-517-6778

ND Indian Council on Addictive Disorders Association

United Tribes Technical College – Wellness Center Room 130 • September 6-7, 2012

Contact: Julie Cain 701-255-3285 ext. 1276

Bureau of Indian Education – Standing Rock Community Schools

United Tribes Technical College - Wellness Center Multi-Purpose Room • September 6-7, 2012

Contact: Robert Parisien 701-854-3492



Ms. Tracey LeBeau

Director, Office Of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Tracey A. LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux) is Director for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. She was appointed in January 2011 to establish this new Office which is authorized by statute to manage, coordinate, create and facilitate programs and initiatives to encourage tribal energy and energy infrastructure development. Administratively, the Office was established to also coordinate, across the Department, those policies, programs and initiatives involving Indian energy and energy infrastructure development.

Ms. LeBeau has over 15 years of energy investment, start up and energy development experience. She has served in executive capacities for numerous energy businesses throughout her career, including an interstate pipeline, wind development and investment company, energy trading business and other energy development companies. More recently she served as Principal at SNR Denton, a top 25 international law firm, where she advised a variety of institutional investment and governmental clients on a range of issues related to energy, including wind and solar development, siting and permitting, transactional matters and electric transmission. At SNR Denton, Tracey was co-chair of its Renewable Energy Practice and was also listed in Chambers 2010 top rankings in Indian Law.

Prior to SNR Denton, Tracey co-founded Red Mountain Energy Partners, an energy technical consultancy firm, and was Vice President of Innovation Investments, a private equity firm where she originated and managed development of large-scale wind projects. With respect to conventional energy development, Tracey previously served as Vice President for mid-stream gas companies Earth Energy Environment, LLC and E3 Canada Corporation. Prior to that, she was a Director at Kansas Pipeline Company, an interstate gas pipeline, and a Director for American Energy Solutions, Inc., an electricity and gas marketing firm.

Ms. LeBeau received her A.B. from Stanford University and her J.D. from the University of Iowa.

Mr. Brek Maxon

Program Director, MBDA Business Center-Bismarck, ND-American Indian & Alaska Native Program

Mr. Maxon began with the Center as a Business Development Specialist in 1992 and then Project Director in 2000, assisting Native American entrepreneurs with general business counseling and business plan construction. He has assisted all types of clients from various business sectors that included agriculture, retail, services and construction. He has received training from MBDA in a variety of business-related and program management topics through participation in conferences, seminars, workshops and other training events.

Brek grew up on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, having attended High School in McLaughlin, SD and later serving as business manager for the local Bear Soldier District and its gaming enterprise. Mr. Maxon earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Mary, Bismarck, in 1989 with a major in business and a minor in business communication. He is an enrolled member of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation.

Mr. Loren White, Jr.

Procurement Specialist, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Standing Rock

Loren White Jr. is the Procurement Specialist for the recently opened Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) on Standing Rock located in Ft Yates. The Standing Rock PTAC is a satellite office of the Native American Development Corporation (NADC) whose mission is to maximize the number of capable Native American individual and tribally owned companies in the Rocky Mountain and Great Plains regions in the government marketplace. NADC-PTAC offers an array of services to Native American owned businesses to assist in competing, procuring and successfully completing government contracts. Providing their clients with an understanding of the requirements of government contracting and the marketing know-how to successfully obtain and perform tribal, federal, state and local government contracts is a top priority of NADC-PTAC.

Loren White Jr. will be working with and providing technical assistance to all of the tribes in North Dakota and South Dakota. Prior to working for NADC, Loren worked as a senior executive for a wholly-owned tribal business and brings years of experience in the areas of tribal business and federal contracting. Loren is originally from White Shield, ND located on the Ft. Berthold reservation and is a citizen of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara nation. Loren received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Minot State University and his MBA from the University of Mary. By providing technical and resource assistance to Native American individual and tribally owned businesses Loren and NADC's goal is to improve tribal nations' economies thereby creating and retaining jobs and bringing other economic benefits to the Tribal Nations and their communities.

Mr. Scott Davis

Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

Scott J. Davis was appointed Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission in April 2009 by Gov. John Hoeven. In his position, he serves as liaison between North Dakota's state and tribal governments to address issues regarding education, business, economic development, transportation, wellness, veterans and youth.

Prior to his appointment, Davis served in a number of capacities at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, including Development Officer, Wellness Activities Coordinator, Facilitator and Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Wellness. He also served as Culture Committee Chairman and Powwow Committee Member and worked with the Student Senate and all campus departments to actively pursue fundraising efforts in the private sector to advance the programs and activities at the college.

Davis also worked for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe on environmental quality issues and as a teacher's aide at the Pierre Indian Learning Center and Turtle Mountain Community High School. In addition, he worked as a sales consultant for Northern Documents, a West Fargo company that produces labeling and bar coding products for private and public groups, including Indian Health Services, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal, state and local government agencies. Davis holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Haskell Indian Junior College, and a Bachelor's and Master's of Management Degree from the University of Mary. He is a member of the Standing Rock Lakota Hunkpapa/Turtle Mountain Chippewa.

Mr. Al Nygard

President & CEO, Al Nygard Consulting

Al Nygard is the President and CEO of Al Nygard Consulting. Al Nygard Consulting (ANC) is a Native American owned Management Consulting firm that specializes in culturally sensitive approaches to management, planning, and development. They are highly skilled in providing community empowerment/development services; particularly to Native American communities. They are one of the Nation's experts in this work. ANC received the Excellence in Community Development Programming award from the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals for their landmark work with Native communities. ANC has worked with and or consulted to over 100 Tribal or Native entities located on 20 reservations in 9 states. Mr. Nygard has consulted to organizations working with Indigenous populations in Canada, Australia, Ecuador and India. He is one of 25 individuals worldwide selected to consult on Building Sustainable Regional Communities at Winsor Castle in London, England.

Al is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation of Fort Berthold. He is a 13 year veteran of the U.S. Army retiring at the rank of Major with service in Desert Storm. He served as the Director of Native American Programs at the ND Department of Economic Development & Finance and served as the Special Assistant to the Director for the ND Housing Finance Agency before founding ANC. Al sits on the boards of Empowerment First, the Northern Plains Initiative, ND Economic Security & Prosperity Alliance, and Rural Dynamics, Inc.



Ms. Janie Hipp

Senior Advisor to the USDA Secretary, Tribal Affairs

Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., LL.M. currently serves as Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs to United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. She is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Her former positions at USDA included Director of the Risk Management Education Division of USDA Risk Management Agency and the National Program Leader (NPL) for Risk Management Education, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers and Fishermen, Farm Financial Management and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program at the United States Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, which became the National Institute for Food and Agriculture after implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Hipp earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma and her J.D. from Oklahoma City University. She has been continually licensed to practice law in Oklahoma since 1985 and was involved for many years in a commercial litigation practice and a public law practice within the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General. She earned the LL.M. in Agricultural Law from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville. She worked for many years in the National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information serving in her final role within the National Center as Associate and then Interim Director.

She is the co-founder of the Intertribal Native Women and Youth in Agriculture organization and has worked extensively with American Indian farmers and ranchers throughout the United States. She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the American Agricultural Law Association. She also served as board member of the Arkansas American Indian Center and served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Cherokee.

Ms. Michelle DuBray

Owner, Pinto Horse Woman Consulting

Michelle C Fredericks DuBray makes her home on a buffalo ranch along the Missouri River on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. Michelle is an enrolled member of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation of North Dakota. She has her own business, Pinto Horse Woman Consulting, working with nonprofits and in community development.

Michelle has over 25 years of experience working in the nonprofit field. Most recently she has been contracted as the Coordinator of the South Dakota Indian Business Alliance (SDIBA). Michelle has a background of management and development work for Native nonprofit organizations having worked for the InterTribal Bison Cooperative, Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, California Indian Legal Services, and the Native American Rights Fund.

Michelle was selected for the first cohort of the Bush Foundation's Native Nations Rebuilders Program in 2010. She currently serves on the Board and Advisory Council of the Native Youth Leadership Alliance, Leadership Council of SDIBA and recently was appointed to the Commission of National and Community Service for the State of South Dakota by Governor Dugaard.

Ms. Leslie Morsette

Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Business Alliance

As executive director of the North Dakota Indian Business Alliance, Leslie connects Native-owned businesses to support resources, encouraging continued growth of Native-owned private businesses. She also leads efforts to coordinate mentorships between experienced Native business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. Leslie resides in New Town, ND.

Ms. Mary Cavanaugh

Spirit Lake Planning Director

Ms. Cavanaugh has been in the Spirit Lake Planning Department since 2006. She accepted the position as Spirit Lake Planning Director in February 2010. Mary is a Navy Veteran having served ten years as a Hospital Corpsman from 1980 to 1990. Upon returning home to the Spirit Lake Tribe she attended the University of North Dakota Grand Forks. She served as the Spirit Lake Tribal Chief Judge from 1999-2002. During her assignment in the Spirit Lake Planning Department she has managed to successfully bring in \$17 million in Federal/State/Private funding to numerous projects for the Spirit Lake Tribe.

Ms. Lisa Redford

Director, MHA Nation Planning and Grants Department, Three Affiliated Tribes

Lisa C. Redford currently serves as the Director of the Three Affiliated Tribes Planning and Grants Department for the Three Affiliated Tribes. She is a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes and has been employed as the Director since November of 2005. Lisa's background includes serving as the Project Director of an SBA funded Business Incubator at Mandaree Enterprise Corporation that served small and emerging Native American Business throughout the nation, as well as Grant Manager and Tribal Prosecutor for the Three Affiliated Tribes. Lisa was also employed with Fort Berthold Housing Authority in the area of development. She has authored and co-authored millions of dollars in grant and loan funding for the Three Affiliated Tribes and is responsible for fostering many of the existing strong working relationships the Tribe has with a variety of federal, state and local agencies. Lisa specializes in the justice and public safety areas. She has been a Paralegal since 1991 and holds an AA Degree in Legal Assist/Administration; a Bachelors Degree in Business Management and Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Lisa resides in the Mandaree District of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and has two Children, Jonas and Shealyse.

Ms. Anita Blue

Executive Director, Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal Planning & Economic Development Department

Anita Blue serves as an Executive Director for the Tribal Planning & Economic Development Office for the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation for the past 19 years. She graduated from the University of North Dakota (UND) with a double major in Business Administration and Business Management. Anita also graduated from the University of Mary with two Master Degrees, one in Business Administration, and the second in Business Management. Anita is a Professor for the University of Mary teaching business classes locally for the Reservation college students through accelerated business programs.

Anita has worked in Indian Country for 29 years. Anita provides direct assistance to the Tribal Chairman and Council, and is responsible for the overall Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Reservation. She specializes in strategic planning, statistical data manipulation and reporting, improving systems, and has landed millions of dollars in grant writing for new services and projects for the Turtle Mountain Chippewa.

Ms. Cynthia Antelope

Standing Rock EDA Director

Ms. Antelope is currently the EDA Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She has served in this capacity since October, 2010. She transferred from the Tribal EPA Department where she was the Brownfields/Tribal Response Program Coordinator.

Some of her past experience in the economic development field was as former economic development planner for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in the 1990s, and as the Tribal Business Information Center (TBIC) Director for Sitting Bull College. She has also taught as an adjunct professor/instructor at three Tribal Colleges in North and South Dakota in the areas of small business management and computer applications. She is currently working on capacity building for the economic development office, community development on the reservation and strategic planning for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She received her Baccalaureate Degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana, School of Business

BIOGRAPHIES



Mr. Larry Stockert

Minority Business Consultant, MBDA Business Center – American Indian & Alaska Native Program

Mr. Stockert came to work as a Business Consultant for the Native American Business Enterprise Center in May of 2003. He works with Native American and Minority people in all facets of their businesses with emphasis on Financial Management and Construction Companies. He was a Senior Commercial Lender with Wells Fargo Bank for 15 years and has worked with Companies ranging in size from Multi-National Corporations to small Proprietorships. He Holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Management from David Meyers University in Cleveland, Ohio and has attended the North Dakota School of Banking. He is the Owner and President of Premier Financial Consulting and brings with him a wealth of real world experience and knowledge to the Clients of the MBDA Business Center-Bismarck, ND-American Indian & Alaska Native Program.

Mr. Dale Van Eckhout

Senior Area Manager, Small Business Administration

Dale Van Eckhout serves as Senior Area Manager for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) with a primary service area of western North Dakota. He graduated from NDSU in Bottineau (now Dakota College at Bottineau) and NDSU in Fargo and started work with USDA in 1977. Dale transferred to SBA in August, 2011. He is headquartered at the Bank of North Dakota.

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Wednesday, September 5, 2012

- 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Opening Ceremonies Tribal Leaders Summit
Room 105 C Center
- 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. Luncheon : Keynote / Miss Indian Nations Candidates
Room 105 C Center
- 1:30 A.M. – 1:45 A.M. Welcome / Prayer / Agenda review
John Smith, Wind River Wyoming Transportation Director
Connie Thompson, Moderator
- 1:45 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. FHWA – ND Division / NDDOT
Brenda Redwing, Francis Zeigler and John Rohlf
Culvert Replacement / Repair
Hadly Eisenbeisz and Ken Mould, SDDOT
- 2:30 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. ND Office of Safety
Mark Nelson / Chad Orn, Programing Assistant
Natosha Lugar, SRST Safety
Fahtima Finley, Three Affiliated Tribes Safety
- 3:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. SD DOT / Tribal Cooperation
June Hansen – SDDOT Civil Rights
- 3:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. BREAK
- 3:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M. Tribal Road Investment
Denver Tolliver, UGPTI
- 4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. State / Tribal Pilot
Khaled Ksaibati, WYLTAP

SD School of Mines
Carter Kerk – SDSM

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Registration – Karlita Knight & Mary Antell
Moderator – Sherman Wright, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

- 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. **Panel Discussion / Reservation Infrastructure**
Matt Jaffe
David Heisterk
John Smith
Pete Red Tomahawk
Jim Garrigan
- 9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. **FHWA**
Amy Lecero, FHWA
LeRoy Gishi, BIA
Robert Sparrow, FHWA
- 9:45 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. **Indian Affairs Committee**
Denise Desidrio, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- 10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. **BREAK**
- 10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. **BIA – IRR Program**
Gerry Foell, BIA
Tom Croymans, BIA
Todd Kennedy, BIA
- 11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. **Recycled Tires**
Rhett Albers, Rhett Albers Consulting
- 11:30 A.M. – 12:00 **Indian Health Service**
Molly Curry, IHS Minot
- 12:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. **Lunch**
- 1:30 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. **ITA Update**
John Healy, ITA President
- 2:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. **Future of TTAP**
Jamie Torres, FHWA
- 3:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. **BREAK**
- 3:15 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. **Spirit Lake Update**
Clarence Greene, SLST
- 4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. **Legal Update**
Vivian Philbin, FHWA
- 4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. **FEMA**
Scott Logan, FEMA Region 8
Craig Fugate, FEMA Washington, DC
Robin Finegan, FEMA Region 8

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Friday, September 7, 2012

Registration – Karlita Knight & Mary Antell
Moderator – Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 P.M.	Road Maintenance Bob Erdmann – GPR – BIA
9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	Road Safety Audits Nick Renna – FHWA ND Division
10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	BREAK
10:30 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.	School Bus Operations Wyman Archambault, SRST
11:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	TTAP Update Fawn Thompson, FHWA
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Environmental Justice Mark Herman & Marilyn Bercier, GPR-BIA
2:30 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.	FHWA Programs Cindi Ptak, FHWA
3:15 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.	BREAK
3:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.	FLH Craig Genzlinger, FLH
4:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.	ND Indian Affairs Scott Davis ND Indian Affairs Commission
4:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Wrap up

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Saturday, September 8, 2012

Registration – Karlita Knight & Mary Antell
Moderator – Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Tribal Tourism Ed Hall III, Washington, DC BIA & LaDonna Allard, SRST
10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Tribal Safety Plans Dennis Trusty & Matt See Walker
10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	MI TTAP John Velat
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Tribal Transit Pam Ternes, SRST
12:00 P.M.	End of Post-Conference



International Powwow Events



Wednesday–Saturday

Miss Indian Nations Pageant

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Thursday–Sunday:

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Friday:

Youth Day

9:00 A.M.

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UTTC Teeing Off for Academic Success Golf Tournament

12:00 P.M. Registration

1:00 P.M. Shotgun Start

Apple Creek Country Club



Saturday:

UTTC Parade of Champions

8:30 A.M. Staging

10:00 A.M. Parade

North Dakota Capitol Grounds



Saturday–Sunday:

Softball Tournament

10:00 A.M.

Clem Kelly Softball Diamonds

