



September 18, 2008

Re: Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

Dear Tribal Leader:

As you are likely aware, when the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was amended in 2006 to change the manner in which the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is funded, Congress added a provision that requires the NIGC to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). We seek your views on our draft GPRA plan. Enclosed is a compact disk with the draft of our first five-year strategic plan setting out specific goals and objectives for the agency.

There are three primary elements to GPRA. First, the agency must develop a five-year strategic plan. Second, the agency must prepare an annual performance plan. Third and finally, the agency must publish an annual performance report. Our present efforts are focused on the first element.

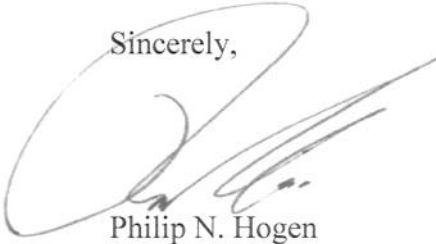
Because this is NIGC's first attempt at drafting such a plan, it has taken longer than we originally anticipated. We owe much appreciation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which has guided and mentored our efforts through no fewer than six drafts and redrafts.

The process to finalize our strategic plan includes a comment period to allow stakeholders and Congress to provide input regarding the plan before it is finalized. Consequently, we are seeking your thoughtful comments on the enclosed draft. We will also seek comments from national and regional Indian gaming associations. Additionally we will post the draft plan on the NIGC website (www.nigc.gov) for public viewing and comment.

In order to reasonably coincide with our fiscal year, we are asking that all comments be submitted by October 31, 2008. Please submit comments to Armando Acosta, in the Office of General Counsel at NIGC, 1441 L Street N.W., Suite 9100, Washington, D.C., 20005.

Thank you in advance for your valuable assistance in helping us finalize a strategic plan that will allow us to achieve our mission while meeting the needs of Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip N. Hogen', written over a large, loopy initial 'P'.

Philip N. Hogen
Chairman

Enclosure:

cc: NIGA OIGA GPIGA NTGCR
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