

TRIBAL LEADERS STRATEGY MEETING – PRIORITIES FOR 2009

Hosted by NCAI and NIGA

Monday, January 19, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Crystal City (Regency Rooms A, B, C, D)

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Purpose: The Obama-Biden Administration and 111th Congress will offer many opportunities for tribes to improve federal policies, and tribal leaders are eager to address a broad range of national, regional and tribal-specific issues. This meeting will provide tribal leaders an opportunity to identify our shared national priorities in order to be proactive and save valuable time and resources. The following is a draft agenda.

1. **OPENING PRAYER**
2. **WELCOME** – *NCAI President Joe Garcia and NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr.*
3. **2009 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK**
 - a. Introduction: *Julie Kitka, President, Alaska Federation of Natives*
 - b. Keynote Speaker: *David Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Carlyle Group*
 - c. Tribal Leader Discussion – Seeking opportunities in an economic downturn
4. **DISCUSSION WITH OBAMA TRANSITION REPRESENTATIVES**
5. **DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS** (*invited - or their designees*)
 - a. Chair and Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
 - b. Chair and Ranking Member, House Natural Resources Committee – *Marie Howard, Staff Director, Office of Indian Affairs, Congressman Nick J. Rahall*
 - c. Chair and Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee
 - d. Co-Chairs, House Native American Caucus – *Kim Teehee, Native American Affairs Legislative Specialist, Congressman Dale Kildee*
6. **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 111TH CONGRESS**
 - a. **National Legislative Priorities:** Tribal leader discussion – Review the priority list of Indian Country legislation for 111th Congressional Session (see attached)
 - b. **111th Congressional Education Project:** Tribal leader discussion – Coordinated Indian Country effort to outreach to new Members of Congress
7. **LUNCH (PROVIDED)**
8. **INDIAN GAMING UPDATE AND DISCUSSION** – *NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr.*
9. **STATE OF TRIBAL FINANCES PANEL DISCUSSION** – *Dan Lewis, Senior Vice President of Native American Financial Services, Bank of America and Kristi Jackson, Managing Director and Senior Investment Banker, Bank of America*
10. **CLOSING PRAYER**