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## Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Artman to Discuss Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative September 18 on Native America Calling**

**WASHINGTON** – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Carl J. Artman will discuss the Interior Department Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative on September 18, 2007, on Native America Calling. He will be joined by Majel Russell, who is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. NAC is the national public radio and online public affairs and news program of the Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, a Native-operated media center in Anchorage, Alaska.

On August 30, the Interior Department announced that it would hold a series of dialogue meetings on the initiative during the month of September with federally recognized tribes around the country. The meetings are an opportunity for Indian Affairs officials and tribal leaders to discuss how the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education should prepare for the effects of projected employee retirements, rising costs and utilizing future technology to improve the efficiency of Indian Affairs program operations.

For more information contact NAC at (505) 277-5201 or visit [www.nativeamericacalling.com](http://www.nativeamericacalling.com).

**WHO:** Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, and Majel Russell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

**WHAT:** Guest appearance on Native America Calling, the national call-in radio program covering news, public affairs and events affecting Indian Country, to discuss the Interior Department Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative.

**WHEN:** 1:00 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

*Note to Editors: The complete schedule for the DOI Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative Dialogue Meetings accompanies this release.*



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### **U.S. Department of the Interior 2007 Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative Dialogue Meetings Schedule**

Meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. with a noontime break for lunch. All times are local time.

**September 4, 2007:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Regional Office, 1001 Indian School Road N.W., Albuquerque, N.M., 87104; (505) 563-3100.

**September 5, 2007:** Inn of Gallup, 2915 West Hwy 66, Gallup, N.M., 87301; (505) 722-2201.

**September 7, 2007:** Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA, 95815; (916) 924-4909.

**September 10, 2007:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office, 3100 W. Peak Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Muskogee, OK, 74402; (918) 781-4600.

**September 11, 2007:** Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, 1125 E. Gore Blvd., Lawton, OK, 73501; (580) 353-0200.

**September 13, 2007:** Hilton Garden Inn, Nashville Airport, 412 Royal Parkway, Nashville, TN, 37214; (615) 884-0088.

**September 17, 2007:** Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd., Prior Lake, MN, 55372; (952) 445-9000.

**September 19, 2007:** Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Anchorage, AK, 99501; (907) 265-7111.

**September 21, 2007:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Regional Office, BPA Auditorium, Federal Building, 911 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR, 97232; (503) 231-6702.

**September 24, 2007:** Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT, 59101; (406) 248-7151.

**September 26, 2007:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office, Two Arizona Center, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 400 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85004; (602) 379-6600.

**September 28, 2007:** Dakota Sioux Casino, 16415 Sioux Confier Road, Watertown, S.D., 57201; (605) 884-1700.