



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

SEP 08 2010

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Department of the Interior is in the process of revising and streamlining the current Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2011 to 2016. The Plan is used as a roadmap for the Department, and a means of communicating its goals and specific commitments to the public, stakeholders, and employees.

As tribal leaders, your input is vital in prioritizing the needs of Indian Country and identifying measures and milestones that can gauge progress on a quarterly basis. In September 2009, the framework of the new Strategic Plan and an inventory of the performance measures was provided in a Federal Register notice and discussed in a series of meetings. Many of the over 200 comments and recommendations received from tribal leaders have been reflected in the updated framework.

Prior to the November 10, 2010 deadline for the Department to implement the Strategic Plan, we will be holding tribal consultation sessions to ensure all tribal concerns and recommendations are heard. We will refine measures and prioritize tribal needs. These consultation sessions will be your opportunity to be involved in the creating of a document that guides the Department for the next 3 years. Seven tribal consultation sessions will be conducted as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">Alaska Region</p> <p>September 15, 2010 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK (907) 272-7411 *Held concurrently w/ IRR Q10 tribal consultation session.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Northwest Region</p> <p>September 16, 2010 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Red Lion SeaTac Airport 18220 International Blvd Seattle, WA (206) 246-5535</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Southern Plains Region</p> <p>September 23, 2010 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Location: TBD Oklahoma City, OK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Eastern Region</p> <p>September 28, 2010 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Crown Plaza Hotel Providence Warwick Holiday Inn Express 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick RI (401) 732-6029</p>

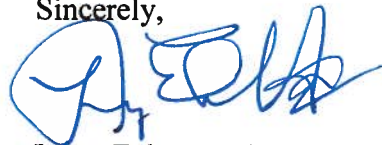
<p style="text-align: center;">Great Plains/Midwest Region</p> <p>September 30, 2010 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Best Western Ramkota 2111 N. Lacrosse Street Rapid City, SD (605) 343-8550</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Southwest/Navajo/Western Region</p> <p>October 7, 2010 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, NV (702) 693-5000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pacific Region</p> <p>October 5, 2010 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm Red Lion Hotel at Arden Village 1401 Arden Way Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 922-8041 *Held concurrently with Indian Gaming Consultation Session</p>
--	--

Please contact the hotel directly to make your room reservations.

You may attend any of the regional meetings. For those who are unable to travel to a session, we established an email address at: consultation@bia.gov. This email address is dedicated to capturing your comments and recommendations. We are also in the process of coordinating a Web-X/conference call for October 1, 2010 at 1:00 pm EST, to further provide an opportunity for comments. Detailed information on how to participate in the Web-X /conference call will be provided at a later date. Additionally, comments may be mailed or hand delivered to Office of Planning and Performance Management, Ely Parker Building, Room 245, 2051 Mercator Drive, Reston, VA 20191-3413.

For further information, please contact the Office of Planning and Performance Management at (703) 390-6543/6669. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,



Larry Echo Hawk
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs