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Comptroller Eugene Ludwig To Address
National Conference on Banking in Indian Country

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Comptroller of the Currency Eugene A. Ludwig will address a national conference, "Banking in Indian Country -- Expanding the Horizons," on Thursday, July 24, 1997 in Washington D.C. The conference is being jointly sponsored by the United States Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

"I am pleased to co-sponsor this forum with the Office of Tribal Justice to educate national banks, tribal representatives and others about opportunities to offer banking services and provide credit to residents of Indian reservations," said Comptroller Ludwig. "We are committed to helping Native Americans gain greater access to a variety of financial products and services."

The one-day conference will include sessions on:

- Operating in Indian Country: tribal sovereignty, trust land status, civil jurisdiction, and sovereign immunity;
- Community Issues: Community Reinvestment Act, fair lending laws, and community development;
- Home Mortgage Lending in Indian Country;
- Acquiring and Chartering Tribally-owned Financial Institutions; and
- Reaching the Nonbanked in Indian Country: micro-enterprise lending, customer education, and alternative delivery mechanisms.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel, at 999 Ninth Street N.W., Washington, D.C., and will be followed by a reception featuring table discussions, exhibits and Native American entertainment. Conference registration is \$75.00 per person. The conference agenda and a registration form accompany this release. For additional information about the conference or to inquire about exhibiting at the reception, please call (202) 874-3520, or visit the OCC's website at <http://www.occ.treas.gov>.

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U.S. Department of Justice and Office of the Comptroller of the
Currency present a

conference on

Banking in Indian Country Expanding the Horizons
Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC - July 24, 1997

Tentative Agenda

8:00 Registration/Continental breakfast

8:30 Opening Remarks Comptroller Eugene A. Ludwig

9:00 10:00 Session One Operating in Indian Country
Addressing: tribal sovereignty, trust land status,
civil jurisdiction, and
sovereign immunity.

10:15 10:45 A Banker's Perspective

10:45 11:45 Session Two Community Issues
Addressing: Community Reinvestment Act, fair lending
laws, and community
development.

12:00 1:45 Luncheon Speaker Attorney General Janet Reno
(invited)

2:00 3:30 Session Three Concurrent Panels
Panel One -- Home Mortgage Lending in Indian
Country
Panel Two -- Acquiring/Chartering Tribally-owned
Institutions

3:45 4:15 Chairman Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Senate Indian
Affairs Committee (invited)

4:15 5:15 Session Four Reaching the Nonbanked in Indian
Country
Addressing: micro-enterprise lending, customer
education, and alternative
delivery mechanisms.

5:30 7:30 Reception and Exhibits

REGISTRATION FORM DOJ/OCC Conference on Banking in Indian Country
July 24,
1997

Advance registration deadline is July 11, 1997

Name and Title:

Name of Organization:

Address:

Telephone:

PAYMENT METHOD For more information, call (202) 874-3520 or visit
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Check: Mail this completed form with your \$75 check, payable to
Comptroller of the Currency, to Community Relations Division, MS
9-14, OCC, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

For accommodations, call the Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth St., NW,
Washington, DC at (202) 898-9000. Room block expires July 3, 1997.