

Consultations on Cobell Trust Land Consolidation

The Cobell settlement was approved by Congress on November 30, 2010 (Claims Resolution Act of 2010) and signed by President Obama on December 8, 2010. The \$3.4 billion Cobell Settlement will address the Federal Government's responsibility for trust accounts and trust assets maintained by the United States on behalf of more than 300,000 individual Indians. A fund of \$1.5 billion will be used to compensate class members for their historical accounting, trust fund and asset mismanagement claims.

In addition, to address the continued proliferation of thousands of new trust accounts caused by the "fractionation" of land interests through succeeding generations, the Settlement establishes a \$1.9 billion fund for the voluntary buy-back and consolidation of fractionated land interests. The land consolidation program will provide individual American Indians with an opportunity to obtain cash payments for divided land interests and free up the land for the benefit of tribal communities.

Furthermore, up to \$60 million will be set aside to provide scholarships for higher education for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Documents Related to the Cobell Trust Land Consolidation Program:

- Settlement Agreement
 - Amended Final Judgment
 - Order Staying Reporting Requirements
 - Exhibit A to order of Final Approval
 - Defendant's Motion for Permission to Communicate with Class Members
 - Attachment 1
 - Attachment 2
 - Attachment 3
 - Proposed Order
 - Order Granting Motion
- Secretarial Order
- Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform
 - Draft Charter
 - Secretarial announcement of the establishment of the Commission

Regional Consultations for the Cobell Trust Land Consolidation Program:

Materials to Review Prior to a Consultation:

- Land Consolidation Fact Sheet
- Cobell Trust Land Consolidation Program - Executive Summary
- Federal Registrar Notice of Consultations
 - FR Notice for Billings, Montana
 - FR Notice for 5 Additional Regional Consultation

Press Releases and Media Advisories Related to Consultations:

- First Regional Tribal Consultation on Cobell Trust Land Consolidation Program Announced
- Billings, Montana Advisory

Friday, July 15, 2011 Consultation in Billings, Montana

- First Regional Tribal Consultation on Cobell Trust Land Consolidation Program Announced
- Federal Registrar's Notice for Billings, Montana Consultation
- Tribal Leader Letter
- Transcript

Minneapolis Consultation – Aug 18, 2011

What: Minneapolis Tribal Consultation

When: Thursday, August 18, 2011 Registration at 7am Consultation from 8:30am – 4pm

Where: Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd Prior Lake, MN 55372

*For reservations, call 952-445-9000 or 800-262-7799 and state that you are participating in the Cobell Settlement Consultation for a discounted room rate.

Please RSVP for this consultation by email: RSVP_Cobell_Consultation@doi.gov with the subject line: **Minneapolis** or by phone: (505) 563-3805

Seattle Consultation – Sept 16, 2011

What: Seattle Tribal Consultation

When: Friday, September 16, 2011 Registration at 7am Consultation from 8:30am – 4pm

Where: Tulalip Resort Casino 10200 Quil Ceda Blvd Tulalip, WA 98271

*For reservations, call 866-716-7162 or 360-716-7162

Please RSVP for this consultation by email: RSVP_Cobell_Consultation@doi.gov with the subject line: **Seattle** or by phone: (505) 563-3805

Albuquerque Consultation – Sept 27, 2011

What: Albuquerque Tribal Consultation

When: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 Registration at 7am Consultation from 8:30am – 4pm

Where: National Indian Programs Training Center 1011 Indian School Road, NW Suite 254 Albuquerque, NM 87104

Please RSVP for this consultation by email: RSVP_Cobell_Consultation@doi.gov with the subject line: **Albuquerque** or by phone: (505) 563-3805

Phoenix Consultation – Sept 29, 2011

What: Phoenix Tribal Consultation

When: Thursday, September 29, 2011 Registration at 7am Consultation from 8:30am – 4pm
Where: Sheraton Crescent 2620 W. Dunlap Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85021

*For reservations, call 602-943-8200

Please RSVP for this consultation by email: RSVP_Cobell_Consultation@doi.gov with the subject line: **Phoenix** or by phone: (505) 563-3805

Oklahoma City Consultation – Oct 6, 2011

What: Oklahoma City Tribal Consultation

When: Thursday, October 6, 2011 Registration at 7am Consultation from 8:30am – 4pm
Where: Best Western Saddleback Inn and Conference Center 4300 Southwest Third Oklahoma City, OK 73108

*For reservations, call 405-947-7000 or 800-228-3903 and state that you are participating in the Cobell Settlement Consultation for a discounted room.

Please RSVP for this consultation by email: RSVP_Cobell_Consultation@doi.gov with the subject line: **Oklahoma City** or by phone: (505) 563-3805