



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Northwest Office of Native American Programs  
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Dear Tribal Leaders:

Greetings! At the recent White House Tribal Nations Conference, President Barack Obama signed a Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, directing all Federal agencies to develop a plan of action to implement President Clinton's Executive Order 13175 on *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*. All Federal agencies must submit their plan by the beginning of February to the Director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after consulting with Indian tribes and tribal officials.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) embraces this responsibility, and aims to develop a comprehensive plan for consultation and coordination with tribal nations. We invite you to take part in a regional consultation conference at the HUD offices in Seattle, Washington on **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**. Your tribe's input is invaluable to us as we craft a consultation policy plan that respects tribal sovereignty, self-governance, and self determination.

**Regional Consultation Conference**

Date: January 21, 2010  
Time: 10am-2pm PST  
Location: Seattle Federal Office Building  
909 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Room 135C  
Seattle, WA 98104

For those unable to travel to Seattle, we have set-up a teleconference call-in number to join in the discussion. Details are as follows: Dial (866) 362-7233, Conference ID 49961690, Host Ken Bowring.

Enclosed with this letter are the Department's current consultation policy, President Obama's Memorandum, and Executive Order 13175. To begin the discussion, please consider the following questions (but not limited to):

- What actions or events should trigger consultation?
- Who should participate in consultation and how should they be selected?
- Are there different levels of consultation for different issues? When are alternatives to formal consultation, such as conferences, workshop sessions or task forces, appropriate?
- How can we deal with short deadlines? Should consultation via electronic communications be considered (teleconferences, email responses) to address short deadlines on specific issues?
- How should follow up after consultation be documented and communicated?

We hope your Nation will join together with us to develop this plan. In order to ensure adequate space and telephone lines, kindly RSVP your attendance to Sebnem Pura at (206) 220- 6673. If you have questions, please contact the Northwest Office of Native American Programs at (206) 220-5420.

Sincerely,

Ken Bowring  
Administrator  
Northwest Office of Native American Programs

Enclosure: