



United States Department of Agriculture

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Dear Tribal Leader:

With many Federally recognized tribes planning to visit Washington, D.C., to attend the White House Tribal Conference on November 5, 2009, we want to invite you to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Wednesday, November 4, to meet with members of our senior leadership team.

USDA programs provide many opportunities to support economic development, agricultural production, broadband access, the management of forests and natural resources, access to nutritious foods, educational and research advancements, affordable housing, and agricultural marketing. While you are in Washington, we hope you and your delegation will consider joining us to begin an ongoing dialogue on these important issues.

The meeting is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Room 107-A of the Jamie L. Whitten Building, which is located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, at the Smithsonian Metro station. You may enter the building through the main entrance located on Jefferson Drive, facing the National Mall, or on the Independence Avenue visitors entrance, located in the middle of the block. Coffee and pastries will be served beginning at 7:30 a.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Noon on Tuesday, November 3, to Ms. Jennifer Yezak or Mr. Oscar Gonzales of USDA's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs with the names of those who will be attending from your Tribe. They can be reached at (202) 720-6643, or by email at intergovernmental@osec.usda.gov. In addition, if you have any specific issues that you would like to discuss while in Washington, D.C., please do not hesitate to let them know, as well as times you might be available to meet.

We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

The Office of the Secretary