



**COMMERCIAL LAW, LEGISLATION
& ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**
MONDAY, February 13
Located in Salon 1



Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m./Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.
 USET Office Hours 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily in Salon D

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Call to Order - Brian Patterson, USET President ◆ Posting of Colors - USET Veterans Affairs Committee Members ◆ Invocation ◆ Honor Song - Black Bear Singers ◆ Roll Call - Brenda Lintinger, USET Secretary ◆ Agenda Review - Kitcki Carroll, USET Executive Director
9:30 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.	Message from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Princess Kristina Hyatt, Miss Cherokee
9:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Tribal Youth - Shaping the Future of Indian Country Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.), Founder & Chairman Erin Bailey, Director, Center for Native American Youth, The Aspen Institute
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Honorable Daniel Akaka (Invited) Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	2012 & Beyond-A White House Perspective Charles Galbraith, Associate Director, Office of Public Engagement, The White House
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	First Stewards Climate Change Symposium Don Chapman, First Stewards Steering Committee Member
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Exploring Potential Partnerships & Opportunities Rodney M. Bordeaux, President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Congressional Challenges & Opportunities in 2012 Honorable Don Young (R-Alaska) Chairman, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	<i>Commercial Law, Legislation & Economic Development Committee Convenes in Salon 1</i> General Assembly Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Review
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of "New" committee/New Naming • Discussion of Nuts & Bolts for foundation to start committee in new direction
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Tribal Perspective of 8(a) Program Eric Nicolar, Pine Chief Operations Officer, Penobscot Indian Nation
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Indian Guarantee Loan Program Scott Borella, Eastern Zone Credit Office Manger, Division of Capital Investment U.S. Department of the Interior
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	USET Tax Initiative F. Michael Willis, Partner - Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers Association
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	USDA Organizational Changes/Economic Development Programs Janie Hipp, Director, USDA Office of Tribal Relations
5:00 p.m.	<i>Recess</i>



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TUESDAY, February 14
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8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p><i>Commercial Law, Legislation & Economic Development Committee Joins Board of Directors in Salon A, B, C</i></p> <p>Legislative Overview/Update Greg Smith, Partner-General Overview John Plata, Associate - Restrictive Settlement Act Geoffrey Strommer, Partner - Health F. Michael Willis, Partner - Tax Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP Paul Moorehead, Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP - NAHASDA Reauthorization Jody Cummings, Special Counsel, Steptoe and Johnson, LLP - Carcieri</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<p>The Role of the U.S. Department on Commerce in Economic Development Efforts Dee Alexander, Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs Office of the Secretary, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs U.S. Department of Commerce</p>
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>Importance of Economics for the Future of Indian Country Dr. Steven Payson, Economist Department of the Interior - Indian Affairs</p>
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>Introductory & Priorities of the Eastern Regions Solicitors Office Bella Sewall Wolitz, Solicitor Office of the Solicitor U.S. Department of Interior</p>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	<p><i>Commercial Law, Legislation & Economic Development Committee Reconvenes in Salon 1</i></p> <p>BIA Leasing Regulations Bryan Newland, Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior</p>
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Nuts and Bolts of the Native 8(a) Program Workshop Presented by: Native American Contractors Association Workshop (NACA)</p>
5:00 p.m.	<i>Recess</i>

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**COMMERCIAL LAW, LEGISLATION
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WEDNESDAY, February 15
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Resolutions are due today by 4:00 p.m./Committee Reports are due today by 5:00 p.m.
 USET Office Hours 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily in Salon D

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<p><i>Commercial Law, Legislation & Economic Development Committee Joins Board of Directors in Salon B & C</i></p> <p>IRS/Treasury Consultation on Approaches to Governmental Pension Plan Guidance Christie Jacobs, Director, Indian Tribal Governments Office Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, IRS</p> <p>Rob Choi, Director, Employee Plans, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, IRS</p> <p>Bill Evans, Attorney-Advisor, Office of Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury</p> <p>Nancy J Marks, Senior Technical Advisor to the Division Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, IRS</p> <p>Pamela R. Kinard, Senior Technician Reviewer, Qualified Plans Branch 2, Office of Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel, (Tax Exempt and Government Entities)</p> <p>Ingrid Grinde, Manager, Group 1, EP Technical Guidance & Quality Assurance Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, IRS</p>
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<p>IRS Field Audits John K. Saltmarsh, Indian Tribal Governments Field Operations, Internal Revenue Service</p>
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	<p>The Benefits & Importance of Developing a Tribal Tax Code Eric Facer, Law Offices of Eric F. Facer, PLLC</p>
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>A Government to Government Conversation with the Congressman Jay Inslee (D) for Governor (Washington State)</p>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	<p><i>Commercial Law, Legislation & Economic Development Committee Reconvenes in Salon 1</i></p> <p>Economic Development Alternatives Derril B. Jordan , Attorney, Jordan Law Offices, PLLC</p>
2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<p>SBA Primer Tool Kit Chris James, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs U.S. Small Business Administration</p>
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>Programs & Services to Assist Tribal Economic Development - Mike Luger,</p>
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Election of Officers</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Planning for USET 2012 Semi-Annual Meeting</p>
5:00 p.m.	<i>Recess</i>

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