

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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**MEMO TO TRIBAL LEADERS ON  
2011 WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE PLANNING**

On behalf of President Obama, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Domestic Policy Council have extended an invitation to your federally recognized tribe to send a representative to attend the 2011 White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. on Friday, December 2, 2011. The Conference will be held at the Department of the Interior's Sidney R. Yates Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Additionally, each federally recognized tribe is invited attend a smaller regional briefing and listening session at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on either Wednesday, November 30 or Thursday, December 1, 2011, with senior members of President Obama's Administration. For more details, please see the attached invitation letter, schedule of events, and the frequently asked questions document. We hope you will join us for the 2011 White House Tribal Nations Conference, and have provided additional details below to ensure that your voices are heard during the conference planning process. Please note the various dates and deadlines.

- **Seeking Your Feedback: Breakout Session Topics**  
White House officials are seeking input from Tribal Leaders to help develop the agenda at this year's Tribal Nations Conference. **We invite you to e-mail us at [tribalnationsconference@who.eop.gov](mailto:tribalnationsconference@who.eop.gov) or fax a letter to (202) 456-1647, no later than Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, with your recommendations of up to five (5) topics that you would like to see for discussion during Breakout Sessions at this year's Tribal Nations Conference. Please number your recommendations in order of priority with number one being the most important.** While we may not be able to accept each tribal leader's recommendations, we will do our best to incorporate the feedback we receive as we finalize the agenda for this event.
- **Submitting RSVP and Security Information** If your tribe has not already done so, **please RSVP with information on your tribe's representative who will attend the conference and regional meeting. This is due no later than Wednesday, November 16. You must send the representative's** full name (including full middle name), position, tribe, social security number, date of birth, country of citizenship, country of birth, gender, current city and state of residence, e-mail and telephone number. **Please e-mail responses to [tribalnationsconference@who.eop.gov](mailto:tribalnationsconference@who.eop.gov) or fax a letter to (202) 456-1647.**

- **Upcoming Meetings & Conference Calls**

The White House will also convene several opportunities for discussion with conference invitees over the next two weeks, and we hope that you will participate in one of the following events:

***In-Person Meetings:***

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Noon-1:30pm PST, Portland, Oregon**

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians annual conference. Senior Administration officials will be available to meet with tribal leaders to discuss agenda development.

**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am CST, Choctaw, Mississippi**

This meeting will be held in conjunction with the United South and Eastern Tribes annual meeting. Kimberly Teehee, White House Domestic Policy Council Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, will be available to meet with tribal leaders to discuss agenda development.

***Regional Conference Calls***

In addition to in person meetings, White House officials will convene regional conference calls with conference invitees to discuss the agenda and to seek additional information.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

2:00-3:00pm EST      Eastern, Eastern Oklahoma, Southern Plains, Great Plains, Midwest and Rocky Mountain Regions; (800) 288-8967 (no passcode, tell the operator you wish to join the “Tribal Nations Call”)

5:00-6:00pm EST      The Alaska Region; (800) 288-8967 (no passcode, tell the operator you wish to join the “Tribal Nations Call”)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

3:00-4:00pm EST      Southwest, Navajo and Western Regions; (800) 288-8967 (no passcode, tell the operator you wish to join the “Tribal Nations Call”)

4:00-5:00pm EST      Pacific and Northwest Regions; (800) 288-8967 (no passcode, tell the operator you wish to join the “Tribal Nations Call”)