



Innovations in Economic Development:  
Tribal Governance Strategies to  
Promote Economic Growth



## PRESS ADVISORY

**RAPID CITY, SD, May 8, 2017-** Please be advised, the Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST), in partnership with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Center for Indian Country Development, Bush Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, is hosting the **Great Plains Tribal Leaders' Economic Summit** on **May 9 – May 10, 2017 in Rapid City, SD** at the **Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Conference Center II**.

The Summit will provide a forum for tribal leaders from the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions to collaboratively develop regional economic development strategies. Through interactive sessions facilitated by the University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute and other experts, tribal leaders will learn about innovative governance strategies, best practices, and resources to create environments for successful economic development in Indian Country.

This summit strives to inspire tribal leaders, their economic development teams, and other stakeholders to explore new approaches to stimulating tribal economies consistent with their cultural contexts.

Some highlights of the Summit include remarks by:

- Troy "Scott" Weston, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Harold Frazier, Chairman, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Association and Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Weldon "Bruce" Loudermilk, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Lance Morgan, President and CEO, Ho-Chunk, Inc.
- Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute
- Dr. Miriam Jorgensen, Director of Research, Native Nations Institute
- Patrice Kunesh, Director, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

**If you are unable to attend in person, the Summit will be Live Streamed at the following Link:**

**YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SCn-wP91Q8>**

**A press kit will be available by 7:30 AM at the Registraton table, Ramkota Conference Center II, Tuesday, May 9, 2017. If you would like a Press Kit and cannot attend, please RSVP through email, text or phone to Christine Sorensen, 202-568-9832, [Christine.Sorensen@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Christine.Sorensen@wdc.usda.gov).**

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