Tentative Agenda
(as of April 17, 2017)

Intended Participants: Elected tribal officials, tribal department directors, federal and state government representatives, and private sector partners from the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions.

Summit Objectives:
- To share examples of innovative governance strategies, best practices, and resources to assist tribal leaders to take the steps necessary to create an environment for successful economic development.
- To inspire tribal leaders and their economic development teams to explore new approaches to stimulating tribal economies, consistent with their cultural contexts.
- To provide a forum for tribal leaders in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions to collaboratively develop regional economic development strategies.

Monday, May 8, 2017

Travel Day

6:00 – 8:00 PM  Welcome Reception and Registration

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM  Breakfast and Registration

8:30 AM  Opening Ceremony, Prayer, and Welcome

Creating an Environment Conducive to Economic Growth
An interactive exercise that looks at two tribes’ economic development efforts, followed by an introduction to the Native nation building principles. Joan Timeche, MBA, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute (Hopi)
Making Tribal Economies Work
A closer look at the ways tribal governance institutions can support economic growth and an initial self-assessment of each tribe’s governing structure.  *Dr. Miriam Jorgensen, Director of Research, Native Nations Institute*

**Framework for Sustainable Development and Overview of Summit**
**Tracks:** Governance, Infrastructure, Financing, Resources.  *Nikki Pieratos, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Bois Forte Band of Chippewa)*

12:00 Noon

**Lunch Provided**

**Panel Discussion:**  Did You Know? – Using Data to Promote Economic Growth

1:30 Breakout Sessions - Round 1:  *Breakouts will feature interactive sessions with panels, best practices, and hands-on activities.*

- **Governance**
  **Courts and Court Development:** Appropriate dispute resolution for tribal business development, including an interactive case study, an overview of research findings, and an individual assessment exercise.

- **Infrastructure**
  **Legal Infrastructure:** Adopting Uniform Commercial Codes (UCC) and legal infrastructure to govern commerce.

- **Financing**
  **Tribal Enterprise and Business Financing:** The role of the tribe in leveraging financing for tribal enterprises and individually-owned businesses.

- **Resources**
  **Marketing in the 21st Century:** Using technology to promote Native commerce.

Break

3:15 Breakout Sessions - Round 2:  *Breakouts will feature interactive sessions with panels, best practices, and hands-on activities.*

- **Governance**
  **Effectively Managing Business Decisions and Operations:** Strategic planning at the tribal council level for business investment, including an interactive case study and teaching session on tribal experiences.
• **Infrastructure**  
  **Creating a Sensible Regulatory Environment:** Regulatory systems to support commerce including land use planning, tribal employment rights offices, and environmental regulations.

• **Financing**  
  **Avoiding Business Scams:** How tribal leaders can protect their financial assets by understanding the warning signs of potentially fraudulent business opportunities.

• **Resources**  
  **Promoting Financial and Business Management Skills:** How tribal leaders can support financial management and business coaching programs for business owners and consumers.

4:30 – 5:00 PM  **Closing Plenary**

5:00 – 7:00 PM  **Exhibitor Reception**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

7:30 – 8:30 AM   **Breakfast and Registration**

8:30 AM   **Morning Plenary - Welcome Back**

  **The Ho-Chunk Economic Development Model**  
  *Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc.*

9:30 AM   **Breakout Session Round 3:** *Breakouts will feature interactive sessions with panels, best practices, and hands-on activities.*

• **Governance**  
  **Analyzing Business Opportunities:** An overview of categories of economic development and a working session on assessing project opportunities.

• **Infrastructure**  
  **Cultivating Human Capital:** Promoting workforce development and customer service skills to support commerce.

• **Financing**  
  **Economic Impact Studies:** Resources available for tribal enterprises and individually-owned businesses to conduct market research, economic impact, and feasibility studies.
• **Resources**

**Business Networks:** How tribal leaders can promote business development through networks, including chambers of commerce, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, and Indian Business Alliances.

**Break**

**Opportunity Forums: Exploring Economic Drivers by Sector**
Small discussion forums organized by sector to explore opportunities for information sharing and collaboration – Agriculture, Technology, Manufacturing, Arts and Tourism, Residential Construction, and Alternative Energy.

Noon – 1:00  
*Lunch Provided*

**An Introduction to the Center for Indian Country Development** – An overview of the Center’s focus areas and how it supports tribal leaders’ efforts to develop and implement economic strategies. *Patrice Kunesh, JD, Director, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Standing Rock Lakota)*

1:00  
*Networking Break*

1:30  
**Community Asset Mapping Exercise**
An exercise for tribal delegations to map out economic development assets, governance institutions, and needs for the future – specific to each tribe.

**Regional Strategies World Café**
Facilitated discussions for tribal leaders to explore regional approaches to economic development and policy advocacy.

**Closing Plenary**

**Closing Prayer and Flag Ceremony**

5:00 PM  
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