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## Tribal consultations set for March in Oklahoma and Phoenix

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 2013** - The National Indian Gaming Commission has announced two government-to-government consultations to take place on March 15, 2013 in Catoosa, Okla., and March 27 in Phoenix. The consultations will focus on minimum internal control and technical standards for Class II Gaming, surveillance measures and changes to the NIGC's draft Consultation Policy.

"The Commission places a high priority on timely, meaningful and substantive consultations," said National Indian Gaming Commission Chairwoman Tracie Stevens. "As the primary regulators for the Indian gaming industry, tribes and tribal regulators are uniquely positioned to engage NIGC with relevant information and feedback."

This process is consistent with [Executive Order 13175](#), *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, and reflects the Commission's commitment to hold discussions prior to initiating the rulemaking process and before drafting proposed rules.

The Catoosa, Okla. consultation is on March 15, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 777 West Cherokee Street, Catoosa, Okla., in the Salon AB and Grand Hall Cherokee.

The Phoenix consultation is on March 27, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center, 100 North Third Street, Phoenix, in room 212A, following the National Indian Gaming Association's conference and trade show.

The NIGC is conducting consultations pursuant to the [Notice of Inquiry](#) published in the Federal Register November 18, 2010. The NIGC continues to encourage dialogue and feedback regarding Indian gaming regulations. Consultations are being held utilizing a group discussion format. If you have questions, need additional information or require special accommodations, please contact Rita Homa at (202) 632-7003.

The [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 420 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 240 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) ensures the integrity of the \$27 billion Indian gaming industry. Visit our website at [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov).

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