



This week the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) is hosting its 25th Annual Intertribal Leadership Summit in the Bismarck Event Center. 2022 marks the NIGC's first participation in the regular gathering and celebration whose attendees include Native students, tribal leaders and other government executives from across North Dakota and other parts of Indian country.

Today, September 7, 2022, I spoke to the Summit's attendees about the impact of a regulator's role on economic development in Indian country. Because law makers' public policy objectives and goals guide a gaming regulator's mission, Indian gaming's regulatory framework requires the NIGC to balance oversight with an eye towards improving tribal regulatory capacity, cultivating a sustainable and positive industry reputation, and supporting economic development with appropriate regulatory requirements.

My presentation included updates on a broad range of NIGC activity that exemplify how the Agency supports tribal economic development by evaluating risks to sound industry regulation, seeking efficiency and innovation in its regulatory tools, and providing certainty when possible for emerging gaming industry trends. I also summarized NIGC activity around the Agency's four focus areas: protecting integrity; promoting preparedness; ensuring accountability; and innovating outreach.

If you are interested, NIGC materials used in today's presentation are available [HERE](#), and the NIGC Human Trafficking video presentation "A Fathers Story" referenced by Vice Chair Hovland is available [HERE](#).

Thank you to the UTTC President, Dr. Leander R. McDonald, for today's opportunity and discussion. I was grateful to be able to present and for Vice Chair Hovland's presentations this week at the Summit. I look forward to returning to both North Dakota and South Dakota later this year for more in-depth discussions with tribal

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leaders on priority topics such as charitable gaming, unlicensed gaming on Indian land, self-regulation certification petitioning, and annual audit submission requirements.

The NIGC wishes the UTTC community, and tribal leaders continued success with this week's events.

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