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Re: AISES Leadership Summit

I am grateful to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) for the opportunity the NIGC team had to participate in the AISES leadership summit. I contributed a prerecorded video message as part of a panel discussion. The panel's in-person participants included NIGC's IT Audit Manager, Tim Cotton and Mary Parker, Public Affairs Manager as part of a discussion with students and professionals in the science and engineering fields.

For over a year, NIGC's 3 For 35 Campaign has consistently promoted the Indian gaming regulatory community's conversation around preparing for a robust and thoughtful next generation of regulators. In particular we have focused on what is required to cultivate a strong workforce with the skills and knowledge necessary to address future trends in the regulation of Indian gaming industry.

Professions with a passion for STEM skills and a talent for helping to spark innovation are increasingly needed to meet our regulatory responsibilities in an effective way. Remaining engaged in the new game platforms and technology that operators regularly innovate; leveraging new automation technology with the potential for more efficient and dynamic background investigations and surveillance; and cultivating Indian country protectors to guard against cyber security threats to Indian gaming's operations and regulation are some of the examples discussed during this panel.

My video presentation for the panel can be found [HERE](#).

As an important means to strengthening Indian gaming regulation, I look forward to more opportunities to support students and professionals dedicated to the science and engineering fields.

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Visit [www.NIGC.gov](http://www.NIGC.gov) to learn more about the NIGC 3 For 35 Project— a year-long project emphasizing the importance of conversations among the tribal gaming regulatory community about workforce preparedness.

