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NIGC Announces Tribal Consultation dates for New Strategic Plan and Draft Consultation Policy

Washington, DC August 23, 2012 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) announced today that it has scheduled four consultations to introduce the draft FY 2014-18 NIGC Strategic Plan and draft consultation policy.

Every four years NIGC is required to update the Agency's Strategic Plan. The Commission is seeking meaningful input on the NIGC draft Strategic Plan, which provides a concrete basis for establishing strategic goals and strategies by which the agency will achieve those goals.

In addition, the Commission continues to evaluate its draft consultation policy. The Commission requests tribal comments regarding its current consultation practice and draft consultation policy.

Copies of both the draft FY 2014-18 Strategic Plan and draft consultation policy will be available September 4, 2012, which the NIGC will distribute to tribes and the public shortly thereafter.

The Commission invites all tribal leaders and their designees to share their views with the Commission during the following scheduled consultations, which will focus solely on the draft Strategic Plan and consultation policy:

Consultation Date	Event
September 17, 2012	Draft Strategic Plan and Consultation Policy Seminole Hard Rock Hotel 1 Seminole Way Hollywood, FL 33026 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>*Held prior to the NIGA Mid-Year Conference</i>
September 27, 2012	Draft Strategic Plan and Consultation Policy Wildhorse Casino Resort Hwy 331 Pendleton, OR 97801 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>*Held immediately following the ATNI</i>

	<i>Annual Convention</i>
October 4, 2012	Draft Strategic Plan and Consultation Policy The Sands Expo Convention Center 201 Sands Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89169 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>*Held immediately following the G2E Convention</i>
October 23, 2012	Draft Strategic Plan and Consultation Policy Holiday Inn 3615 South Range Line Road Joplin, MO 64804 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. <i>*Held prior to the OTGRA Fall Conference</i>

For planning purposes and to accommodate all who wish to attend the consultation, **please RSVP** to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail to consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov.

For those tribal leaders or designees unable to attend these consultations, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to draft.plans@nigc.gov, or by U.S. Mail to the National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Draft Plans, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005. All written comments on the strategic plan and consultation policy must be received no later than October 31, 2012.

Consistent with its commitment to transparency, the Commission will continue to consult with tribal governments. All information related to the strategic plan and draft consultation policy can be found at www.nigc.gov, under the Tribal Consultation tab on the left side of the website.

The NIGC is an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

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