



# Biography

## PORTLAND REGION DIRECTOR VIDA TAVERA

Vida Tavera is a member of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and serves as the Acting Portland Region Director at the National Indian Gaming Commission. As Region Director, Tavera is responsible for the technical assistance, training, and compliance at 55 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 38 federally recognized tribes located in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oreg., and Wash.

Tavera joined the NIGC in October of 2009 as a compliance officer. Prior to joining the NIGC, Tavera began her career in the Indian Gaming Industry in 1993 on the casino operations where she gained experience in numerous roles including Keno, Cage, Count Room, and Slot Floor Clerk. From operations she moved to the Tribal regulatory side where she moved through positions from Gaming Inspector to Chief Internal Auditor.

Tavera is a graduate of Northwest Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a concentration in accounting. In addition, Tavera has held the Institute of Internal Auditors certified Internal Auditor designation.

*The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the [National Indian Gaming Commission](#) to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of more than 500 gaming establishments operated by 250 tribes across 29 states.*

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