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NIGC Takes Strides to Increase Training Opportunities for a Stronger Workforce

WASHINGTON, September 19, 2017 – The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) will deliver their first virtual training sessions during the D.C. Regional Training Course, September 20-21. In an interview earlier this year, Chairman of the NIGC, Jonodev O. Chaudhuri, announced the agency would embark into online capabilities and is delivering on that promise.

"Everything dovetails with technology; it has allowed us to expand our reach to deliver quality and interactive training to Tribal Leaders, Gaming Commissions, and operations. We recognize that budget and staff constraints can make attending training away from the workplace difficult." Chaudhuri said. "By using available technology, we can engage with our tribal and regulatory partners in a meaningful way and help them create a strong tribal gaming workforce." He said.

Attendees who register online to attend through a virtual classroom and upon completion will receive a certificate of completion for their participation. The first two courses being offered are a two-day Internal Audit course, taught by NIGC staff and an Active Shooter training, presented by the Federal Protective Services. The NIGC intends to offer a virtual option for all of the fiscal year 2018 training.

Information on training provided by the NIGC can be found on the agency's website.

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The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act created the <u>National Indian Gaming Commission</u> to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 499 gaming establishments operated by 244 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the <u>Indian Gaming Regulatory Act</u> ensures the integrity of the growing \$31.2 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit <u>www.nigc.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.