



February 25, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) remains committed to providing opportunities for tribal leadership to engage in Commission activities and share insights that can improve the NIGC's operations. There are currently two such opportunities during the month of March 2021.

Second Round of Comments on the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding Criminal History Record Information — March 22, 2021

Over a year ago, the NIGC began taking steps to improve the administration of the fingerprint program to ensure compliance with the federal requirements. Earlier this month, NIGC's Chief Information Officer provided an update to tribes on how the Agency has integrated tribal feedback into the draft Memorandum of Understanding. An invitation was given for a second round of feedback which is due March 22, 2021. You can find the Chief Information Officer's recent letter at [Tribal/NIGC MOU letter](#). A collection of material that the NIGC has maintained during this effort to ensure the fingerprint program's compliance can also be found at <https://www.nigc.gov/compliance/CJIS-Training-Materials>.

Tribal Leaders Briefing on Agency Operations — March 18, 2021



The NIGC's four areas of emphasis include improving accountability in its operations. This effort has and will continue to include expanding the tribes' role in the planning stages related to the NIGC's annual budget development process. On March 18, 2021, between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. EST, the Commission will host a teleconference briefing for tribal leaders. This briefing will provide an update on the Agency's operations. This includes measures being taken to address needs arising because of the COVID pandemic's impact on the Indian gaming industry—needs related to both budgetary uncertainties and additional demands on the regulatory community. Please email Ms. Rita Homa at rita_homa@nigc.gov to participate in the Tribal Leaders' Briefing on Agency Operations.

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We appreciate the leadership you provide to your communities and we understand the demands on your time. Your participation is crucial to NIGC as we continue the work with the Indian gaming industry and the recovery from the pandemic. Your role as leadership officials is central to ensuring the Indian gaming industry's stable and sound recovery. We look forward to hearing from you and if you need anything in the meantime, please let us know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

		
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