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Sent Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter updates you on scheduling items related to National Indian Gaming Commission's (NIGC) budget development process, the Agency's National Virtual Training Conference, and its annual announcement of Indian gaming revenue during the last fiscal year.

Tribal Feedback on the NIGC Budget is Extended to September 18, 2020

The NIGC has invited tribal leaders to provide statements and perspectives on how its annual budget impacts tribal communities. Information on how you can provide comments is outlined in a July 2020 Dear Tribal Leader letter that is available at www.nigc.gov. The Commission is appreciative for the feedback already received and would like to extend this opportunity to September 18, 2020. This request for your views intends to enhance the NIGC budget development process moving forward and underscores the NIGC's commitment to accountability and outreach. To further that commitment a short video presentation is now available to explain key resources related to the NIGC budget. That presentation can also be found at www.nigc.gov.

Commission Briefing on FY 2021 Budget to Occur on September 24, 2020 at 3:00 pm. EST

The NIGC has committed to a national tribal leader briefing as a new addition to the NIGC budget development process. During this teleconference briefing, the Commission will overview forward looking features in the coming budget, discuss topics that you have raised regarding the budget's impact, and invite additional dialogue during the remainder of 2020 and during 2021 around issues related to the NIGC's budget development process. It is the NIGC's goal that an ongoing opportunity to engage with tribes around the budget will improve the NIGC's planning processes and build on innovations the NIGC has made in recent years. Please RSVP for the Tribal Leader Briefing by emailing Ms. Rita Homa at Rita.Homa@nigc.gov.

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The NIGC Annual Gaming Revenue Briefing to Occur October 2020

The NIGC provides an annual briefing to the public on the Indian gaming industry's gross gaming revenue from the previous fiscal year. As part of the briefing that will occur during October 2020, the Commission will highlight aggregated information about Fiscal Year 2019 gaming revenue. I anticipate that the October briefing will include presentations on how the calculation is one consideration to assist the NIGC in its planning processes. A date for the briefing is forthcoming.

The NIGC National Virtual Training Conference Rescheduled for Week of October 5, 2020

In response to the COVID pandemic, the NIGC cancelled its remaining 2020 regional training conferences. These conferences typically occur during the spring and summer. In place of these regional in-person gatherings, the NIGC has planned for a National Virtual Training Conference. This new format not only helps to mitigate the pandemic's impact, it makes NIGC resources more accessible and allows for more innovative presentations. Originally scheduled for August 2020, the National Virtual Training Conference is now slated to occur during the week of October 5, 2020. The event will include an enhanced video conferencing platform and expanded content to target both tribal gaming regulator staff and tribal decision makers in leadership and gaming operations. While there is never a registration cost for NIGC trainings, the on-line format will provide cost-savings to tribes by eliminating travel expenses and save time traveling. A full agenda will be forthcoming.

The rest of the NIGC team and I are aware of the demands on your attention so I am grateful to tribal leaders for your interest and engagement during these coming events where you deem it appropriate. If you or a member of your team would like to receive periodic email updates and reminders leading up to any of these NIGC events, please email Ms. Mary Parker at Mary.Parker@nigc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

CC: Tribal Gaming Regulatory Authority