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NIGC holds Training in Rapid City

Rapid City, SD April 28, 2009 - The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) is offering training and technical assistance for the Tribal Gaming Operations of North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska April 28th and 29th at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City.

The NIGC believes ongoing training opportunities will support tribes in fulfillment of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Topics to be covered include Gaming Machine Performance Analysis, Information Technology Audit, Minimum Bankroll Calculation, Internal Audit Functions, Revenue Audit Function, IRS-Title 31, Indian Tax Law and the State's Role in Indian gaming.

Over 100 gaming commissioners, compliance officers, auditors, information technology technicians and gaming analysts, as well as tribal leaders, from over 20 tribal gaming operations in the five-state area are participating in the intensive two-day training session.

NIGC Chairman Phil Hogen and Vice-Chairman Norm DesRosiers are in attendance for this training and will be holding government-to-government consultations on April 29-30 with tribal leadership from tribes located in the Great Plains region.

"Technology, regulations and regulatory personnel are always undergoing change," Chairman Hogen stated, "and periodically bringing those responsible for the integrity and security of the Indian gaming industry to review techniques and requirements is always useful," he continued.

Hogen pointed out that this Rapid City training, where the NIGC has one of its satellite offices, is one of the best attended sessions the Commission has held. "Tribes in the Great Plains area face some unique challenges," Chairman Hogen pointed out, "and bringing groups like these together sharpens all their skills, and permits sharing of effective tools, which makes gaming work as an economic development tool for Indian nations."

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