



NIGC Enhances Website for Technical Assistance and Training Outreach

Washington, DC September 4, 2008 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) recently created a new addition to its website dedicated to ongoing technical assistance and training opportunities offered by NIGC and throughout the country.

Consistent with the purposes of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), the NIGC makes available training for tribal governments and tribal gaming staff. The agency's emphasis on training and technical assistance to tribes was underscored by enactment of PL 109-221 during the last session of Congress, which made explicit NIGC's duty to provide training. As the NIGC continues to provide technical assistance to tribes and tribal regulatory authorities, the goal is to ensure compliance with IGRA in order to improve the functioning of gaming operations throughout Indian country.

With the Indian gaming industry's continued growth, providing technical assistance and training is of the utmost importance. NIGC Chairman Phil Hogen said, "A well informed gaming oversight body and tribal government will do wonders in protecting the tribe's gaming assets and help continued stability at the gaming operation."

The training site can be viewed on the NIGC website at www.nigc.gov, in the section titled Technical Assistance and Training. The site includes a training calendar, an updated NIGC training catalog, forms for requesting technical assistance and training, information on training offered by other agencies and organizations, and an opportunity to ask questions of NIGC's training division.

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The NIGC is an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.