

August 17, 2012

Strategic Plan and Draft Consultation Policy

Dear Tribal Leader :

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we invite you to participate in a consultation meeting on the NIGC Strategic Plan, which will be the framework that NIGC will use to focus the efforts of the agency from FY 2014 – 2018 on a set of strategic goals, and the NIGC's draft consultation policy. We know that the best results can be achieved after meaningful consultation with Indian tribes and we look forward to your participation.

The NIGC recognizes and respects the sovereignty of Indian tribes and the governmentto-government relationship that exists between the United States and tribal governments. Accordingly, the NIGC is committed to implementing the President's November 5, 2009 Executive Memorandum on Tribal Consultation with Indian tribes and Executive Order 13175.

Therefore, we invite all tribal leaders to share their views with the Commission on the NIGC Strategic Plan and draft consultation policy at a consultation scheduled for September 17, 2012 in Hollywood, FL, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the following location:

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel 1 Seminole Way Hollywood, FL Ballroom C

For those tribal leaders unable to attend this consultation, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to reg.review@nigc.gov, or by U.S. mail to National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, <u>1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005</u>. All written comments must be received no later than October 31, 2012.

The Commission intends to post comments received and transcripts of each consultation on the NIGC website under the heading "Tribal Consultation," on the left-hand side of the NIGC home page, <u>www.nigc.gov</u>.

For planning purposes, and to accommodate all who want to attend the consultation, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at <u>consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov</u>. Information regarding the time and location of this tribal consultation will be posted on our website.

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We are committed to working together on a government-to-government basis to maximize tribal input on the NIGC's Strategic Plan and consultation policy. We look forward to meeting with you should your schedule allow.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

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