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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Tribal Consultation Sessions – Administrative Organizational Assessment Draft Report, Organizational Streamlining of BIA and BIE, and BIE Topics

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will be adding three tribal consultation sessions to the previously scheduled sessions. The additional sessions will focus on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Education (ED) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) to improve American Indian and Alaska Native education. The MOU is authorized by the President's Executive Order on Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities (Executive Order 135092) and section 9204 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

DATES: See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for dates of the tribal consultation sessions. We will consider all comments on the proposed MOU between DOI and ED received by close of business on June 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for locations of the tribal consultation sessions. Submit comments by e-mail to: consultation@bia.gov or by U.S. mail to: Organizational Streamlining Comments, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 4141 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the proposed MOU between ED and DOI, contact: Brian Drapeaux, Chief of Staff, Bureau of Indian Education, DOI (202) 208-6123; or Don Yu, Special Advisor to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, ED (202) 453-6600. For the Administrative Organizational Assessment Draft Report, contact: Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, (202) 208-7163. For the BIA Streamlining, contact: Bryan Rice, Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, (202) 208-7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 12, 2012, the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and BIE announced they are hosting several upcoming tribal consultation sessions (see 77 FR 14561). This notice announces that the DOI-ED MOU will be added to the May 18, 2012, consultation session from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Also, three additional sessions focused on the proposed MOU between ED and DOI will be held as follows:

Date	Location	Local Time
Friday, May 18, 2012	Thunder Valley Casino Resort 1200 Athens Avenue Lincoln, California 95648 (877) 468-8777 Booking code: “120516BURE”	8:00am-12:00pm
Thursday, May 24, 2012	Northern Arizona University Auditorium, Ashurst Hall, Building #11 321 McMullen Circle Flagstaff, Arizona, 86001 Phone: 928-523-4120	8:00am-12:00pm
Thursday, May 31, 2012	BLN Office Park Conference Room 3 2001 Killebrew Drive Bloomington, Minnesota 55425	8:00am-12:00pm

	Phone: 952-851-5427 (BIE ADD Office)	
Tuesday, June 5, 2012	Renaissance Inn 611 Commerce Street Nashville, Tennessee 37203 Phone: 615-255-8400	1:00pm – 5:00pm

A brief description of each of the topics is available at:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm> and in the March 12, 2012, Federal Register Notice (77 FR 14561).

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