



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Washington, DC 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Tribal Leader:

On July 29, 2010, President Obama signed the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (TLOA). Among other provisions, TLOA provides Tribes with the opportunity to exercise enhanced sentencing authority, requires the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), to collect and report additional data to Congress regarding public safety in Indian Country, and directs BIA to establish certain policies, procedures and guidelines in consultation with tribes.

On September 17, 2010, the BIA sent out a notification of the locations, times, and dates for the upcoming consultation sessions to all Tribal Leaders. Due to the volume of participants and interest, the BIA OJS is adding two additional locations and changing the Albuquerque location to accommodate the increase of attendees. In total, we will now hold six (6) working consultation sessions at the following locations and dates:

October 12, 2010: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Hard Rock Hotel San Diego

207 Fifth Avenue

San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 702-3000 or (866)-751-ROCK

Please refer the “**Tribal Law and Order Act Consultation**” when making your reservations.

October 14, 2010: 1 p.m – 5 p.m.

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1808 Majestic Lane

Billings, MT 59101

(406) 252-7400

October 20, 2010: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North

5151 San Francisco Road, NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109

(505) 821-3333

October 21, 2010: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Mystic Lake Resort & Casino

2400 Mystic Lake Blvd.

Prior Lake, MN 55374

(952) 445-9000 or (800) 262-7799

October 26, 2010: 1:00 p.m – 5:00 p.m

Embassy Suites – OKC– Will Rogers Airport

1815 S. Meridian

Oklahoma City, OK 73108

(405) 682-6000

October 28, 2010: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Micosukee Resort & Gaming

500 S.W. 177th Avenue

Miami, Florida 33194

(305) 925-2555

The BIA is committed to ongoing and meaningful consultation with tribal nations to implement TLOA and ensure utilization of effective public safety strategies. We welcome your input at any stage and encourage tribal leaders to weigh in as we move forward to implement this law.

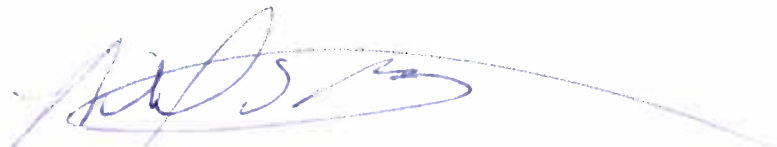
We invite you to address the following issues at these sessions:

- A plan to enhance the provision of BIA Special Law Enforcement Commissions (SLECs) to tribal, state and local law enforcement, including minimum requirements to be included in SLEC agreements;
- Guidelines for BIA approval of correctional centers for long-term incarcerations under the enhanced sentencing provisions;
- Elements and guiding principles to be included in a long-term plan for tribal detention programs and incarceration in Indian Country including:
 - Construction, operation and maintenance of juvenile and adult facilities;
 - Contracting with State and local detention facilities;
 - Alternatives to incarceration;
 - An assessment of construction of Federal detention centers in Indian country;
 - Operations & maintenance plans;
- Elements and guiding principles to be included in a long-term plan for construction, renovation and operation of Indian juvenile detention and treatment centers;
- Any issues related to the collection and analysis of data from Tribes regarding Indian country crime and spending on tribal public safety and justice programs.
- Standards and deadlines for OJS background checks for tribal law enforcement and corrections officials.

Comments may be mailed or hand delivered to the Office of Justice Services, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4551-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Please contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services, at (202) 208-5787 for any additional questions you might have about the upcoming meetings.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. S. ...', is written over a horizontal line.

Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs