



Tribal Justice and Safety

Government-to-Government Consultation, Training & Technical Assistance- Session Five
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
November 27-30, 2007

September 14, 2007

Dear Tribal Leaders and Tribal Colleagues,

As leaders of Federal agencies with interests in Indian Country, we strive to address priorities and issues raised in our conferences and meetings. You emphasized the need to improve Tribal capacity and infrastructure through government-to-government consultation, training & technical assistance (CT&TA) to Tribal communities. As Federal agencies who work closely with you, we will work toward the emphasized points made during last year's consultation sessions and conferences. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Community Oriented Policing Services, Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, Office of Tribal Justice, and Office on Violence Against Women; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through its Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Office of Minority Health in the Office of the Secretary; U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through its Office of Native American Programs; and the Small Business Administration have worked steadily on responding to your stated needs through a series of CT&TA sessions held across the country in 2006 - 2007.

For 2007-2008, these sessions will focus on the issues that you have brought forward as Tribal priorities including public health and safety for your families and communities; drugs; Tribal court systems; detention facilities; multi-jurisdictional coordination and communication; sexual offender registry; and other law enforcement areas. We will also offer sessions on the fiscal year 2008 grant application solicitations.

In addition to these sessions, the Office of Justice Programs and its Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office will hold a National Tribal Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability on November 30, 2007. Topics related to the Adam Walsh Act will also be covered during conference workshops on November 28-29.

We will bring together elected Tribal leaders and key policy decision-makers, Tribal administrators, executive directors, finance and grant administration officers, Tribal planners, grant writers, justice and law enforcement personnel, and Tribal program project coordinators and grantee officers. Together we will continue to work on solving the many issues of joint concern.

The current schedule for CT&TA Sessions includes:

- November 27, 2007 consultation, November 28-30, 2007, T&TA– Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
- March 4-6, 2008 (consultation date TBA) – Washington, DC*
- July 15-17, 2008 – Location TBD*

* These sessions are contingent on fiscal year 2008 appropriations

Current DOJ/OJP grantees are eligible for funds to cover travel to and participation in these sessions. If you are not a DOJ/OJP grantee, limited scholarships are available for your lodging and attendance on a case-by-case basis. Please visit the Tribal Justice and Safety CT&TA Session Web site at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov to register for upcoming sessions, DOJ scholarship information, agenda updates (including opportunities for Tribal consultation), and hotel information. Information on SAMHSA scholarships are available at: www.samhsa.gov/tribal/training.aspx . The information and application forms are located under 'Available for Download.'

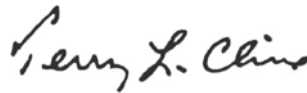
If you have any questions regarding the sessions and scholarships, please contact Kristen Lichtenwalner at 1-866-662-5321 or klichtenwalner@firstpic.org.

We look forward to our continued work with you to build and enhance Tribal justice and public health systems in Tribal communities.

Sincerely,



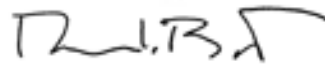
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