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Information Bulletin of the Southwest Office of Native American Program for the week of April 22, 2013

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1. Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

What's New: DONOVAN ANNOUNCES HUD'S FY2014 BUDGET: Proposed plan builds on efforts to grow middle class, protect housing for extremely poor. On April 11, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan released details of the Obama Administration's proposed FY2014 HUD Budget, a plan that seeks to protect rental housing and homeless assistance for millions of extremely poor Americans while increasing key investments in initiatives to serve some of the nation's most distressed neighborhoods. Read more at <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/fy2014budget>

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS REQUEST FOR TRIBAL COMMENTS ON NAHASDA REAUTHORIZATION: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is requesting tribal comments or recommendations for the reauthorization of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA). The Committee is moving quickly to consider NAHASDA Reauthorization before the expiration of the current authorization on September, 30, 2013. **The deadline to submit comments and recommendations is close of business day, Friday, April 26, 2013.** Submit comments to: Kenneth.Martin@indian.senate.gov or FAX (202) 228-2589.

SWONAP ANNOUNCES NEW TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES: (Details are below)



Technical Assistance Announcement

The Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is embarking on a innovative and responsive method of delivering technical assistance and training to its grant recipients. Most topics related to Indian housing can be addressed. Examples include:

-Indian Housing Plan (IHP)/ Annual Performance Reports (APR)	-Procurement & Contract Administration
-Environmental Reviews	-Construction Management
-Board of Commissioners	-Tax Credits & Title VI
-Program Income	-A-133 Audit Requirements
-NAHASDA Essentials	-Self Monitoring & Compliance
-Homebuyer education	-Occupancy & Income Eligibility
-Financial and Fiscal Management	-Lead Based Paint Requirements

To submit a request, contact the SWONAP representatives below:

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General Trainings are being scheduled for 2013-2014 in the SW region. These trainings will include NAHASDA Essentials, Procurement, Construction & Contract Management, Board of Commissioners' Training and others. **Visit our website at <http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r9/swonap/calendar/calendar.cfm?state=az> for a schedule of trainings in our region!**



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(IHS) FY2014 BUDGET INCREASE: As part of President Barack Obama's proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget, Indian Health Service (IHS) is slated to see a 2.9 % increase. The overall Indian Health Service is \$4.4 billion. This is a \$124 million increase over the FY 2012 appropriation. Tribal consultation is fundamental to the IHS budget process, and the proposed budget incorporates tribal priorities and recommendations. The budget request supports and expands the provision of health care services and public health programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. It includes these approximate increases:

\$35 million to help purchase health care from the private sector through the Contract Health Services program, which is under proposal to be called the Purchased/Referred Care program.

\$77.3 million to support staffing and operating costs at new and replacement facilities

\$5.8 million to fund contract support costs incurred by tribes in managing their own health programs.



Funding was also included to continue construction of a health care facility in **Kayenta, AZ**, and to complete construction of a health care facility in **San Carlos, AZ**, and the Southern California Youth Regional Treatment Center near **Hemet, CA**. If the proposed budget is enacted, the IHS discretionary budget will have increased 32 % since FY 2008. The IHS FY 2014 proposed budget is available online at www.ihs.gov/BudgetFormulation ». The IHS, an agency in the US Dept of Health & Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approx. 2.1 million American Indians & Alaska Natives who are members of federally recognized tribes.

2. Trainings, Conferences and Events:

Training/ Conference/Event	Date/ Location	Description
5th Annual Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference	April 23 Fallon, NV	Conference features a wide spectrum of professionals in the tourism & tribal tourism industries who will provide strategies on how Nevada tribes can share their rich history & culture with visitors around the world! For more: http://www.aianta.org/Events.aspx?calEventId=1c76414b8ab84e1bbca34cf2237c7c89
Tribal Utility Governance (TUG) Training/Native American Water Masers Association Meetings	April 24 (various locations in NM, AZ, and CA)	The next Native American water masters Association meeting and Tribal Utility Governance trainings will be held concurrently at sites around Regions 6, 8 and 9 on April 24. Topics at this second of three events will include <i>Regulatory Compliance and Planning</i> as well as <i>O&M Responsibilities and Workforce Management</i> . For info., contact Deborah Patton, RCAC, at 602/501-6696 or dpattton@rcac.org ; Bruce Chandler, 405/315-1778; bruce.chandler@crq.org ; or Brian Bennon, ITCA, 602/258-4822; brian.bennon@itcaonline.com . Learn more about TUG training on our website or visit http://www.rcac.org/pages/283
Tribal Energy Webinar: How Power Marketing Administrations Market Power & Work with Tribes	April 24 webinar	DOE presents its Tribal Renewable Energy Series: This webinar is the fourth in a series of free tribal energy webinars focused on transmission. Presenters will provide information on the generation and transmission assets of PMAs, discuss their past cooperation with Tribes, and provide insight into how Tribes can work with them to promote economic growth and renewable energy development on Indian lands. At the end of the webinar, there will be an interactive discussion in which participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about working with PMAs in the development and deployment of tribal energy projects. There is no cost to attend the webinar, but advance registration is required.
GRANT WRITING FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES (Kiva Institute)	April 24-25 Albuquerque, NM	Learn the critical elements needed to insure successful grant proposals. This course will help you to develop a realistic and justifiable budget to make sure your tribe or organization is not burdened financially when starting a new project. Many federal grant programs require a "match". We will provide you with creative ideas that will help you meet the grant matching requirements. For more info., call 866- 202-5482 (KIVA) or visit www.kivainstitute.com .
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY (Kiva Institute)	April 24-25 Albuquerque, NM	This course will provide special insight into the unique provisions for construction projects and programs under the Indian Self-Determination Act; and how these provisions are very different from commercial contracting. This course also provides guidance on how to apply and exercise tribal sovereign rights and protections, tribal employment, and more. For more info., call 866- 202-5482 (KIVA) or visit www.kivainstitute.com .
CONSTRUCTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & GOLF MIXER	April 29-May 2 Scottsdale, AZ	10 th Annual National Conference Theme is Honoring our Past; Building Our Future . Join Tribal Leaders, Industry Experts, Construction Professionals and others at this Conference. For more info., call (480) 727-3105 or e-mail ciic@asu.edu . For an agenda and to register, visit http://ciic.construction.asu.edu/
2013 NATIONAL TRIBAL FORUM ON AIR QUALITY (NTF)	April 30-May 2 Scottsdale, AZ	NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, funding, and technical topics in air quality. The 14th Annual National Tribal Forum on Air Quality is open to all tribal environmental professionals, US EPA representatives, and members of national or local organizations with interest in air quality and climate change issues in Indian Country. For more info, contact Lydia Scheer, Program Coordinator, at 928/523-6887 or Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu . Click HERE to email the conference coordinators.
NA255 Culturally and Environmentally Responsive Design: Sustainable Native Communities Planning and Design Workshop	May 6-7 Portland, OR	Special planning & design course at the NeighborWorks National Training Institute will challenge tribal members to rethink the way housing and communities are built on reservations and to begin envisioning a new kind of housing that reflects both ancient traditions and responds to climate while utilizing modern technologies and materials. Tuition is \$460 and includes all course materials. Scholarships are available. Register Online Registration or Download the registration form and submit via email (nti@nw.org) or fax to 202-376-2168 . For more info., visit www.nw.org/training .



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Water Treatment Level 2	May 6-10 Maricopa, AZ	Hosted by InterTribal Council of AZ, this four-day course trains qualified Level 1 certified operators in Level 2 water treatment system operations. All course work is designed around the processes that will be required of a Level 2 drinking water treatment system operator. For more info, visit http://smallwatersupply.org/Calendar/EventDetails/tabid/65/Default.aspx?ID=44234
NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY CONFERENCE	May 7-9 Scottsdale, AZ	Conference Theme: Weaving the Strands of Cultural Knowledge and Western Science to Maintain Balance and Harmony with Mother Earth. For more info., contact Norman Jojola (505/753-1451) or Joe Jojola (505/563-3408) or visit www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/ .
 CULTURAL TOURISM CONFERENCE (Inst. Of Am Indian Arts Center for Lifelong Education)	May 13-15 Moenkopi, AZ	Conference will focus on forming effective tourism networks, cultural sensitivity and authenticity, cultural heritage marketing, cultural tourism and photography, grant writing, managing tourism effectively and customer service in cultural tourism. Attendees can tour the tribal lands of northern AZ to experience the beauty, culture and hospitality of this region of Native America. Program sponsors include the Arizona Office of Tourism, the New Mexico Office of Tourism, and the Hopi Tribe. For more info., visit www.iaia.edu/cle/events/ctw_home/ or call (505) 424-2308 or (928) 283-4500.
Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Workshop	May 20-23 Blue Lake, CA	Hosted by EPA Region 9. This workshop teaches how to implement an effective Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program using water quality data to guide the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and thinking outside the reservation boundaries using the watershed approach. For more info, visit http://smallwatersupply.org/Calendar/EventDetails/tabid/65/Default.aspx?ID=47690 or contact Audrey Johnson at 415-972-3421 or Johnson.audrey@epa.gov . Tribal Operators Only!
39th Annual NAIHC Convention	May 21-23 Chicago, IL	National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) 39 th Annual Convention & Trade Show. For more info. and to register, visit http://www.naihc.net/index.php/events/annual-convention/ .
Intro to Indian Housing Management/ Tribal Constitutions, ByLaws & Ordinances	May 23-24 Las Vegas, NV	Falmouth Institute course. For more info. and to register, visit www.falmouthinstitute.com/training/calendar.html .
Grant Writing for Tribal Communities (KIVA Institute)	May 23-24 Las Vegas, NV	Become skilled in seeking grants and securing much needed funding for your special projects and initiatives. Highly experienced grant writers and former tribal administrators will teach you the fundamentals of grant writing and how to create the best verbiage, sensible budgets, and how to organize your grant proposals. Click here for Registration Form or call 1-866-202-KIVA.
Basic Flooring (NAHC)	May 29-31 Albuquerque, NM	Native American Housing Consultants offers this course providing various concepts and skills needed in floor installation for a variety of residential or commercial projects. For more info., send an e-mail to mnahctraining@aol.com .
Indirect Cost Principals and Contract Support Costs (KIVA Institute)	May 30-31 Scottsdale, AZ	This course teaches the fundamentals of indirect costs and indirect cost rates; and the funding provisions of the Act. Come learn from professionals who participated in the development of the BIA's contract support cost policy; the development of '638 regulations; and who are experienced in preparing tribal indirect cost rate proposals. Click here for Registration Form or call 1-866-202-KIVA.
Strengthening Tribal Communities into the Future (NLC)	June 4-6 Hollywood, FL	Native Learning Center's (NLC) 5th Annual Summer Conference sessions focusing on our five focus area: Celebrating Culture & Language, Financial Wellness, Grant Education, Housing Strategies, and Tribal Government For more information, visit www.nativelearningcenter.com .
 24 CFR Part 58 Environmental Review Training (HUD)	June 4-5 Choose from 4 sites: LA, SF, Phx, Tuc, or Las Vegas	HUD's Regional Environmental Office will conduct a free two-day training seminar to help grantees, federal, state, and local government staff, "Responsible Entities," and consultants undertaking HUD environmental reviews to gain a better understanding of Federal environmental requirements and procedures. This training is designed to assist those who actually prepare Environmental Review documents under 24 CFR Part 58, as well as those who review and approve such documents. Specific topics to be addressed include the National Environmental Policy Act, sole source aquifers, scenic rivers, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Air Act, wetlands, floodplain management and flood insurance, coastal zone management, endangered species, farmlands, environmental justice, noise abatement, toxic and hazardous substances, other factors and procedural requirements of 24 CFR Part 58, incl. recommended formats for compliance documentation. Training will be conducted in-person in Los Angeles & San Francisco and will be presented via live video-conferencing in Tucson, Phoenix (AZ) and Las Vegas (NV) HUD conference rooms. For more info., visit http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventid=1668&update=N .
NAIHC Leadership Training	June 11-13 Seattle, WA	National American Indian Housing Council's Leadership Institute offers training for Maintenance Management; Supervisory Management; Environmental Compliance, and NAHASDA - LIHTC Compliance. For more info., visit http://www.naihc.net/index.php/events/seattle-2013
NCAI mid-year Conference & Marketplace	June 24-27 Reno, NV	National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference. For additional details, conference agenda and registration info., visit http://www.ncai.org/events/2013/06/24/2013-ncai-mid-year-conference
Intermediate Plumbing (NAHC)	June 26-28 Albuquerque, NM	Native American Housing Consultants offers this workshop to introduce the theory and practice of plumbing maintenance issues. For more info., send an e-mail to mnahctraining@aol.com



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13th Annual FOR ALL MY RELATIONS (National Indian Justice Center)	July 18-20 Anaheim, CA	13 th Annual Conference will include special workshops for youth, Tribal Transportation programs, and more. Registration will open soon. For more info., call (707) 579-5507 or visit www.nijc.org/training.html
2013 Leadership Institute Training (NAIHC)	Aug. 6-8 Colorado Springs, CO	National American Indian Housing Council's Leadership Institute will offer six Training Expos in 2013 with four classes at each Expo. Classes incl. Housing Services, Development & Modernization, Basic Accounting, and Acquisition Basics. For more info., call (202) 789-1754. Click here for the LI Training Expo schedule.
Solid Waste Mgmt-Safety & Recycling Strategies (NIJC)	Aug. 13-15 Denver, CO	Registration will open soon. To view more information, call (707) 579-5507 or visit www.nijc.org/training.html
American Indian Law: Critical Issues Grant Writing & Administration (NIJC)	Oct. 9-11 Las Vegas, NV	Registration will open soon. To view more information, call (707) 579-5507 or visit www.nijc.org/training.html

3. Funding Announcements for Tribes/Tribal Entities:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance (Dept. Energy)	Rolling	Free technical assistance to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, and other organized groups and communities—including Alaska Native villages or regional and village corporations—with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Typically limited to 40 hours and may include renewable energy technology info., renewable resource information, energy efficiency techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning and training. To request assistance, complete the on-line form . For more, see Technical Assistance the Tribal Energy Program website
UWP- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant	Rolling	USDA – Rural Development's grant program for Emergency Community Water Assistance. For more info., visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm .
Native American Rural Business Enterprise Grants (USDA-RD)	Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for due dates	Grant program to develop small & emerging private business opportunities in tribal & rural areas. Program provides grants for rural projects that finance the development of small and emerging rural businesses, and help fund distance adult learning for job training and advancement. Small & emerging private businesses are those with fewer than 50 employees with less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues. USDA-RD expects to award approx. \$3.2 million via a single national competition. There is no state set-aside for this program; Native American RBEG applications compete with other Native American RBEG applications from around the nation. For a tribally owned business to be considered private, it must be held through a separate entity such as a tribal corporation. The corporation may be owned by the tribe and distribute profits to the tribe. However, the governing board must be independent from the tribal government & elected or appointed for a specific time period. Pre-applications are strongly encouraged and are available at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nvrbeg.html .
School Turnaround AmeriCorps	April 23	Indian Tribes, partnerships & consortia are eligible for this 3-year grant program designed to strengthen & accelerate interventions in our nation's lowest-performing schools by engaging about 650 AmeriCorps members in 60 turnaround schools across the country. AmeriCorps members will help students, teachers, & principals to transform struggling schools by providing opportunities for academic enrichment, extended learning time, & individual supports for students leading to increased academic achievement & improved high school graduation rates & college readiness among our most disadvantaged students. For more info., read about the initiative or visit http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=100 .
FY14 Farm to School Grant Program (USDA)	April 24	Grant funding available through USDA's Farm to School Program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. For more info., visit http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_2013_grant_program.htm or FY14 Grant Info. at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/pdf/F2S_Grant_RFA_2014.pdf
Tribal Title IV-E Plan Development Grants (HHS)	May 14	Up to \$300,000 over 2 years for 5 entities. Program makes one-time grants to Tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia that are seeking to develop and implement a Title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and, at tribal option, guardianship assistance program. Grant funds under this program may be used for the cost of developing a Title IV-E plan to carry out programs; costs relating to the development of data collection systems, a cost allocation methodology, agency and tribal court procedures necessary to meet the case review system requirements; or any other costs attributable to meeting any other requirement necessary for approval of a Title IV-E plan. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Indian tribes, organizations and consortia. Link to RFP: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2013-ACF-ACYF-CS-0579/pdf .
FY 2013 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants (HUD)	May 28	Tribes are eligible. Individual grant awards may be for up to a maximum of \$500,000. Planning Grants assist communities in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. The NOFA and application package are available at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/cnpg



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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE/ TRIBAL PLANNING GRANTS AmeriCorps Funding	May 30	Indian Tribes have the opportunity to apply for funding. If awarded, tribes can receive up to \$75,000 for a one-year period to provide support for the development of an AmeriCorps program and take the opportunity to identify ways that AmeriCorps members can help them defeat the unique challenges and barriers in tribal communities. Click here for more information. For potential applicants, tribal-specific technical assistance has been made available by CNCS. A schedule of upcoming assistance calls and FAQs can be found here . For more, visit http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/13_0410_2013_ameriCorps_indian_tribes_planning_grant_nofo.pdf
FY 2013 Planning and Local Technical Assistance (EDAP)	Funding cycle 4 June 13; FY2014 Funding cycle 1 September 13	Federally Recognized Tribes are eligible. EDAP program provides up to \$100K to assist in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate & guide the economic development efforts of a community or region, incl. construction, non-construction, & revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. For more info., visit http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=208353
EPA Tribal Research Funding Opportunities	June 25, 2013	EPA Research funding to improve the understanding of climate change & indoor air pollution exposure's health impacts on traditional Tribal ways of life & develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect tribes. For more info., http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2013/2013_star_tribal.html , or Contact Ron Josephson (josephson.ron@epa.gov or 703-308-0442). Electronic Submissions: Todd Peterson (peterston.todd@epa.gov or 703-308-7224. Technical Contact: Cynthia McOliver (mcoliver.cynthia@epa.gov or 703-347-0311).

4. Helpful Resources/Websites for Tribes and Tribal Organizations:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.usa.gov)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs are electronically posted at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>.
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Government Information by Topic can be found at: <http://www.usa.gov/>.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- HUD PIH Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force to Improve Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in Indian Country <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a04700000ArPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans. www.nativelearningcenter.com
- Native Home Capital (CDFI) <http://www.nativehomecapital.com/>
- Native Community Finance (CDFI) www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org
- National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

• Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils

Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>

Inter Tribal Council of **California**: <http://www.itccinc.org/>

Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>

All Indian Pueblos Council (of **New Mexico**):

<http://www.20pueblos.org/>

Federal Partners:

- USDA Rural Development** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html.
- Department of Interior** Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- Indian Health Service (IHS)** <http://www.ihs.gov/>
IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>



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- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- [Department of Treasury CDFI Fund](http://www.cdfifund.gov) <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- [US Department of Commerce - MDBA](http://www.mdba.gov/) (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov. Small Business Administration (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- [OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory](http://www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html) www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Disaster Preparedness & Recovery FEMA-NAC@fema.dhs.gov.
FEMA - Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>.
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco: <http://www.frbsf.org/community/index.html>
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Enterprise Green Communities Sustainability Training Grants:
<http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/sustainability/index.asp>.
- Native Center for American Indian Enterprise Development www.ncaied.org
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Dept of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21

5. Bits and Pieces:

ALBERT SMITH, NAVAJO CODE TALKER FROM NM, PASSES ON: Albert Smith, a [Navajo Code Talker](#) from New Mexico, died on Wed. He was 88. Smith lied about his age in order to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 15. He used the Navajo language to transmit unbreakable codes during World War II. "He will be greatly missed, yet his legendary life and service to the United States will live on in our hearts forever," a posting on the Facebook page of [Our Navajo Code Talker](#) said in announcing Smith's passing. Smith is being buried at [Laguna Pueblo](#) in New Mexico. Get the Story at [Navajo Code Talker Albert Smith Walks On](#) (*Indian Country Today* 4/17).

CUMASH TRIBAL ELDER APPOINTED TO CA NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION: Reginald "Reggie" Pagaling, a [Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians](#) tribal elder, was recently appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the California Native American Heritage Commission. Pagaling, 59, is a member of the Chumash Maritime Association and has devoted much of his time to restoring the tribe's ancient maritime culture and also serves on the Santa Barbara County Local Community Benefit Committee. The nine-member Native American Heritage Commission was established in 1976 to preserve and protect tribal burial grounds from vandalism and destruction. Commissioners work closely with the public, developers, local and federal agencies, educational institutions and California Native Americans to provide advice and assistance toward the protection and preservation of Native American cultural resources.

TRIBE LEADS COAL TO CLEAN ENERGY WALK IN MOAPA (*Associated Press* 4/20/13): **Moapa Band of Paiutes** tribe members led a 16-mile Earth Day weekend walk to put the spotlight on plans to close a coal-fired power plant and build a solar energy plant in Southern Nevada. Activists and faith leaders joined the Coal to Clean Energy walk Saturday from NV Energy's Reid Gardner generation station to a planned 350-megawatt solar project on the Moapa Paiute Reservation. The march took place about two weeks after NV Energy announced plans to begin closing Reid Gardner and invest more money in renewable energy. Plans call for Nevada's largest utility to close three of four units by 2014 at the coal-fired plant in Moapa about 40 miles northeast of Las Vegas. The fourth unit would remain operating until 2017. The Moapa Band of Paiutes has been fighting for years to force publicly traded NV Energy to decommission the plant. They say tribal members living on ancestral land have been sickened by soot, fine particles of pollution and gases. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid expressed support for Saturday's march. "The Moapa Band of Paiutes is an important voice for Nevada's transition towards a cleaner, more sustainable energy future," he said in a statement. NV Energy plans to construct, acquire or contract for 600 megawatts of renewable energy in Nevada during the next five years — marking the first time the utility owns and operates renewable energy power plants. The company also plans to construct or acquire and own 1,000 megawatts of natural gas energy during the next five years and 1,000 more megawatts in the next 10 years with construction or acquisition intended to be in-state.

MRS. BIDEN VISITS NAVAJO TECHNICAL COLLEGE: Dr. Jill Biden will deliver the commencement address at **Navajo Technical College** (NTC) on May 17 in Crownpoint, NM. NTC was recently recognized for the second consecutive year by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as being one of the top 120 community colleges in the United States. Navajo Technical College is one of two tribal colleges serving the Navajo Nation, and has a graduation rate of nearly eighty percent. Dr. Biden has been an educator for nearly thirty years, and continues to teach English at a community college in Northern Virginia. Biden will address the 33rd graduating class of NTC.

18th ANNUAL PECHANGA POW WOW – JUNE 28-30: Families, spectators and tribal participants from across North America will descend June 28-30 on the festival grounds at Pechanga Resort & Casino for the 18th Annual Pechanga Pow Wow in southern CA. The



Pechanga Pow Wow is one of the largest in the entire western United States and is a free, cultural event for all ages. The Pechanga Pow Wow has historically attracted more than 60,000 visitors each year. It is regarded as one of the best chances on the west coast to see the top and most talented Native American dancers, drummers, bird singers and more. To learn more, visit www.pechanga.com.

2013 NABI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO HOST 128 TEAMS – July in Phoenix, AZ -The NABI Foundation, known for organizing high profile sporting events for Native American athletes, will host 128 teams (64 boys & 64 girls' teams) for their 11TH Anniversary NABI Invitational taking place this July 17-21 in Phoenix. For years the tournament has attracted teams representing tribes from all across the US but this year there will also be teams from Canada and New Zealand representing their indigenous people and hoping to bring home the NABI Championship trophy. NABI, co-founded by Mark West of the Phoenix Suns, the late Scott Podleski and GinaMarie Scarpa started out as a small local tournament in 2003 and since has become a youth non-profit organizing one of the largest all Native American tournaments; bringing exposure to thousands of Native American High School athletes from all over North America. Along with a record number of teams, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Nike N7 and Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe will be the presenting sponsors of this prestige tournament. Games will be played in 10 Phoenix area gyms starting July 18th with the NABI Championship games being played at US Airways Center on July 21st. Registration closes May 1st. For more info., visit the NABI official website at www.nabifoundation.org or contact info@nabifoundation.org.

UPDATE - ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER IMPACTING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES: The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Arizona Dept. of Health Services announced statistics for cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) in several southwestern Native American communities. Between 2003 and 2012, more than 200 cases, including 19 deaths, have been reported in multiple reservations in Arizona. Children are especially vulnerable to RMSF and incidences of the disease dramatically increase in the summer months between April and November. The disease is spread by ticks that are carried on animals, primarily dogs, who transfer the disease to humans. To prevent spread of RMSF, everyone is encouraged to (1) protect dogs with tick collars, (2) treat homes and community buildings for tick infestation, (3) report cases to health professionals, (4) control animal populations (spay and neuter pets), and (5) educate community members about the dangers and preventative measures for controlling the spread of RMSF. For more info. refer to the AZ Dept. of Health Services website at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/vector/rmsf/> or contact Kristen Herrick at Kristen.Herrick@azdhs.gov.

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