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Conference Agenda Event Flyer

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO PROMOTE TRIBAL, STATE GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

BISMARCK, **N.D.**: The North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission (NDIAC) is hosting a two-day conference focused on strengthening relationships between tribal, state, county, federal, and local governments. The Strengthening Government to Government Partnerships & Relationships Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck on Tuesday, January 30 and Wednesday, January 31.

The conference is open to the public but is designed specifically for those in government and private industries who work with Native nations within North Dakota. Tribal leaders from five tribes and Governor Burgum will be attending the two-day conference.

"This is a historic coming together of tribal and government leaders. The sessions are to help gain a better understanding of complex government processes and protocols. The sessions will help everyone find efficiencies in how they work together in the future," says Scott Davis Sr., Commissioner of the NDIAC. "This conference has been years in the making and we're looking forward to creating connections and learning from each other."

This will be the first of two conferences centered on strengthening government relationships. The dates for the second session have not yet been determined. The conference is being funded with grants awarded by Bush Foundation and Native Governance Center sponsorships and registration fees.

The two-day session qualifies for 8.75 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) 8.75 credits and Continuing Education Credits (CEU) for Peace Officer Standard and Training (POST). For conference details and to register, visit www.regonline.com/strengtheninggovernmentrelationships.