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DOI Indian Affairs is a Major Sponsor of Reservation Economic Summit 2006

Washington – Associate Deputy Secretary James E. Cason today announced that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), in the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs is a sponsor of the 20th Annual National Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair better known as RES 2006. The four day event is hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED), and will be held on February 6-9, 2006 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

"We are pleased to support an endeavor that has shown to have a significant economic impact on reservation economies," said James E. Cason. "Our involvement fits perfectly with President Bush's effort to help the American Indian people develop entrepreneurial opportunities that will create jobs for Indian country and America."

The IEED has developed an integrated symposium titled: "Moving from Talk to Action." The track will feature six seminars that will focus on Tribal Economic Development and Indian Energy Development. The seminars are the following: 1) Roadmaps for Tribal Economic Development; 2) Access to Capital; 3) Successful Tribal Economic Development Stories; 4) Accelerated Development of Indian Fossil Fuel Resources; 5) Building Renewable Energy in Indian Country; and, 6) Educating a New Generation of Tribal Energy Leaders.

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development is the Department's lead office to assist tribes and individuals with the exploration, development and management of energy resources in order to create sustainable economies for reservations.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development is a non-profit organization solely dedicated to developing American Indian economic self-sufficiency through business ownership.

For more information about the summit contact NCAIED directly at (480)545-1298 or go to their web site at: www.ncaied.org.

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