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Dear Tribal Leader:

For several years now, the Department of the Interior has been working to update the regulations governing Secretarial elections and petitioning procedures, and has previously conducted consultation sessions on draft versions of these rules. We have now published a proposed rule and are seeking your input. The proposed rule addresses the process by which the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will call and conduct Secretarial elections upon a tribe's request or tribal members' petition.

The proposed rule is available at:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/SecElections/index.htm>

We will be hosting the following tribal consultations sessions on this proposed rule:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Sunday, October 26, 2014	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Local time)	Atlanta, GA	National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention Hyatt Regency Atlanta 265 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, GA 30303
Tuesday, November 18, 2014	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Local time)	Oklahoma City, OK	Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Airport 1815 S. Meridian Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73108
Thursday, November 20, 2014	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Local time)	Rocklin, CA	Whitney Oaks Golf Club 2305 Clubhouse Drive Rocklin, CA 95765

Please submit any comments you may have, by December 17, 2014, via email at [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov), or via mail to Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St. NW, Mail Stop 4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Sincerely,

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