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The maximum development of Indian economic, industrial and employment potential on a nationwide basis, and the problems involved, will be considered at a meeting sponsored by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs in Oklahoma late this month.

Officials from the Bureau's 11 area offices in the Midwest, West and Alaska and the Washington headquarters will meet with business and industrial leaders and representatives of the Economic Development Administration and Small Business Administration.

George E. Schmidt, chief of the Bureau's branch of industrial development, which is conducting the conference, said:

"All participants are supporting the tribal effort, and give guidance and support to tribal programs. We are aiming toward utilization of all opportunities and integration of every effort to bring about maximum development of the reservations."

More than 50 people are expected to attend the meeting September 26, 27, and 28 at Wagoner, Okla.

Speakers other than Federal officials will include: Governor Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma; Richard Preston of Boston, executive director of the American Industrial Development Council; H. H. Mobley, executive vice president of Quality Courts Motels, Inc., Daytona Beach, Fla.; Ed Daley, vice president of the Public Service Company, Tulsa, Okla.; Arthur R. Fichter, manager of the Business Analysis Division of Amphenol Corp., Chicago; and Bud Heiser, director of planning in the Oklahoma Industrial and Park Department, Oklahoma City.

Federal officials who will speak include George W. Hubley, Jr., the new BIA assistant commissioner for economic development; Mr. Schmidt; Murray W. Kramer, director of office management assistance in the Small Business Administration; Coleman Stein, director of the office of business management in the Economic Development Administration; and a number of BIA officials.

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