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WASHINGTON – Indian Affairs will hold the second of three training workshops designed for tribal judges and attorneys on the topic of secured transactions. The training, to be held on May 8-9, 2013, in Bloomington, Minn., will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Office of Justice Services/Tribal Justice Support (BIA-OJS/TJS) and the Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED).

The workshops, entitled Uniform Commercial Codes: Bringing the UCC to Tribal Courts, are designed to provide intensive training to tribal judges, attorneys and court staff on specific issues that arise in secured transaction litigation under the Model Tribal Secured Transaction Act (MTSTA).

This law covers, among other things, the use of all types of personal property as collateral for lenders and sellers, and the conditions which must be satisfied for an enforceable interest in collateral to arise. The tribal court workshops will be based on materials developed by the Uniform Law Commission, a principal sponsor of the Uniform Commercial Code. These information materials have been used to inform tribal governments that have enacted secured transaction laws based on the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act or are considering such laws.

Tribal secured transactions commercial codes enable tribal businesses and individuals residing on federal Indian trust lands to obtain credit for making off-reservation purchases, such as cars, appliances and other durable goods, by allowing sellers to enforce liens or security interests in such items after they have been transported onto a reservation.

The training was developed by the OJS and IEED in partnership with the Federal Reserve Banks of Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Kansas City, Mo. The first training session in this series was held Jan. 30-31, 2013, in Seattle, Wash. The third and last session in 2013 is scheduled for December with dates and location to be announced.

WHO:	Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services/Tribal Justice Support and Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development in partnership with the Federal Reserve Banks of Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Kansas City, Mo.
WHAT:	The second of three Uniform Commercial Codes: Bringing the UCC to Tribal Courts training workshops for tribal judges, attorneys and court staff on the topic of secured transactions.
WHEN:	**May 8-9, 2013 (CDT)** Wednesday, May 8: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 9: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Park Plaza Hotel, 4460 West 78th Street Circle, Bloomington, Minn. 55435; Phone: 952-831-3131.

CREDENTIALS: This invitation is extended to credentialed media representatives, who must display sanctioned media credentials for admittance to the event.

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