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WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Tuesday, December 18, 2012, Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn will participate in a press conference call with reporters to discuss the next steps in implementing the land consolidation component of the historic Cobell Settlement.

Hayes and Washburn will be joined by Interior Solicitor Hilary Tompkins. The conference is expected to outline the framework for how Interior will begin the landmark effort to purchase fractional interests in American Indian trust lands from willing sellers, enabling tribal governments to use the consolidated parcels for the benefit of their communities.

WHO:	David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Hilary Tompkins, Solicitor of the Department of the Interior
WHAT:	Conference Call to Discuss Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations
WHEN:	Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 2:00 PM EDT
MEDIA:	Credentialed news organizations are invited to participate by dialing 1-888-566-5977; Passcode: INTERIOR (given verbally)