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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs will be holding tribal consultation sessions on Oct. 29 and 30 and Nov. 1 and 9, 2012, to seek comments and suggestions from tribal leaders in preparation for the Interior Department's 2013 American Indian Population and Labor Force Report. The sessions will provide an opportunity for tribal leaders to provide their views on the report's scope, data, and methodology. Four consultation sessions will take place: three in person and one via a national teleconference.

Tribal leaders will be asked to provide their ideas on issues such as data collection, definitions of "service population" and other terms, how service populations should be measured, and other issues in order for the Department to meet the report's 2013 deadline. The Department did not publish a report in 2010 because the data collected did not meet the standards of quality and reliability that are required of federal agencies in reporting official statistics.

Public Law 102-477, the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, as amended, requires the Department to publish the American Indian Population and Labor Force Report at least once every two years. Section 17 of the Act requires the report to capture the population eligible for services the Secretary provides to American Indians at the national level by state, Bureau of Indian Affairs service area and tribal level.

Written comments may be submitted by email to consultation@bia.gov no later than November 12, 2012. For more information and to view background and explanatory materials related to the listening and consultation sessions, please see "Preparation for American Indian Population and Labor Force Report – 2013" at http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm.

WHO:	**Monday, October 29, 2012** Sequoyah Simermeyer, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Steven Payson, Economist, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs **Tuesday, October 30, 2012** Dion Killsback, Counselor to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Steven Payson, Economist, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs **Thursday, November 1, 2012** Bruce Loudermilk, Great Plains Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Steven Payson, Economist, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
WHAT:	Indian Affairs tribal consultation sessions to prepare the Interior Department's 2013 American Indian Population and Labor Force Report.
WHEN:	**Monday, October 29, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (local time) Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (local time) Thursday, November 1, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (local time) Friday, November 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST) – National Teleconference**

WHERE: **Monday, October 29, 2012**
Hilton Garden Inn, 801 South Meridian, Oklahoma City, Okla.;
Phone: (405) 942-1400.
Tuesday, October 30, 2012
Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office, 2600 North Central Ave., Fourth Floor – Eagle and Buffalo Rooms, Phoenix, Ariz.
Thursday, November 1, 2012
Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza, 505 North 5th Street, Rapid City, S.D.; Phone (605) 348-4000.
Friday, November 9, 2012 – National Teleconference
Phone in using (877) 716-4290 and participant code 5074051. For technical assistance during the call, use (202) 208-7163.

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