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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform will hold its next public meeting on Sept. 13-14, 2012, in Bismarck, N.D. It will be preceded by a public facilitated discussion hosted by Commissioner Tex Hall in the afternoon of Sept. 12 in New Town, N.D., for members of the public to share their perspectives about trust management and administration. In addition, a youth-outreach session will be held the evening of Sept. 13 at the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) in Bismarck.

The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform was established by Secretary Salazar in 2011 to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Department's management and administration of nearly $4 billion in American Indian trust assets over two years and to offer recommendations on improvements in the future. Building on progress made with the historic Cobell Settlement, the Commission will help to establish a new era of trust administration: one that stresses responsive, accountable, transparent, and customer-friendly management of these substantial funds and assets.

For more information about the Commission and its work, please visit the Interior Department website at http://www.doi.gov/cobell/commission/index.cfm.

WHO:	DOI Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform Members: Fawn Sharp (Quinault), Chair Tex G. Hall (Three Affiliated Tribes), Member Stacy Leeds (Cherokee Nation), Member Dr. Peterson Zah (Navajo Nation), Member Robert Anderson (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe-Boise Forte Band), Member Lizzie Marsters, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary and Designated Federal Officer for the Commission, DOI
WHAT	Public Meeting of the DOI Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform including a public facilitated discussion to precede the public meeting and a youth-outreach session.
WHEN	Wednesday, September 12 – Friday, September 14, 2012 (all times are local) September 12, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Public facilitated discussion September 13, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Public meeting September 13, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Youth outreach session September 14, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Public meeting
WHERE	Public Facilitated Discussion Fort Berthold Reservation, Tribal Administration Bldg., 404 Frontage Rd., Tribal Chambers (S. entrance), New Town, N.D. 58763 (Four miles west of New Town on Hwy 23) Public Meetings The Best Western Ramkota Hotel Bismarck, 800 South Third St., Bismarck, N.D. 58505; Phone: (701) 258-7700 Youth Outreach Session United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Dr., Wellness Center – Healing Room, Bismarck, N.D. 58504; Phone: (701) 255-3285

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

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