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David J. Matheson, an enrolled member of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe of Plummer, Idaho, and its former chairman, has been named Director of the Office of Construction Management in the Department of the Interior.

"We are fortunate to have someone with the talents and capabilities that Dave has to fill this important position," Lou Gallegos, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, said. "He has served an important role in my office for the past nine months and his dedication to excellence will serve him well in his new job." Since February, Matheson has served as a special assistant to Gallegos in Interior's Office of Financial Management. Prior to his government service, he was chief executive officer of the Coeur d'Alene Development Corporation in Plummer, Idaho. From 1985 to 1989 he served in the same position with Puyallup International, Inc., Tacoma, Washington. Beginning in 1981, he served for four years as elected chairman of Coeur d'Alene tribal government.

Matheson, 38, is a native of Plummer. He obtained a B.A. in 1974 from the University of Washington, and an M.B.A. from the same University in 1989. In his new position, Matheson will be responsible for developing policy to improve Interior's. Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities management programs, which consist of construction projects and the operation and maintenance of more than 3,400 government-owned buildings in 16 states. Matheson and his wife, Jenny, have five children and reside in Falls Church, Virginia.