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**On April 7, 2010** the Department of the Interior will launch the First Annual Federal Employment Workshop in partnership with Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. In February, Secretary Salazar challenged the Interior bureaus to increase youth employment opportunities in 2010 by 50 percent over 2009 figures and in 2011 by 60 percent. A key component of the Secretary's Youth in the Great Outdoors initiative, this new challenge will give a big boost to youth employment and education programs throughout the nation. The Federal Employment Workshop is the first of many job fairs that will be coordinated by the Department of the Interior to reach America's youth and provide them with access to federal employment opportunities.

### Who:

- Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Alvin Warren, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs
- Valerie Montoya, Vice President Academic Programs, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)
- Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

**What:** Federal Employment Workshop for Native Americans When: 1:00 p.m., MST, Wednesday, April 7, 2010

**Where:** SIPI Auditorium, 9169 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

**CREDENTIALS:** This invitation is extended to working media representatives who are required to display sanctioned media credentials for admittance to this event. Please arrive thirty minutes before the event.

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