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**WASHINGTON** - Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today announced that the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Del Laverdure will be the Featured Speaker in Las Vegas, Nev., at the 24th Annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2010). The event runs from February 21-24, 2010. Laverdure will speak to the many accomplishments and projects being undertaken by the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs.

“We are proud to be a Presenting Sponsor to RES in this wonderful opportunity for networking and business transactions,” Echo Hawk said. “It provides a learning experience through the variety of workshops relevant to doing business in Indian country. Del Laverdure is actively engaged in our economic development efforts and is excited to share some of the wonderful programs we are conducting in Indian Affairs.”

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), which is located in the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, strives to encourage economic development in Indian Country. Following Laverdure’s Featured Speaking engagement are a series of panels and workshops over the course of the four day summit sponsored by IEED:

- Developing Powerful Trade Opportunities for American Indian Workforce
- Powerful Success Stories from the Public Law 102-477
- General Assistant “The Power of Energy in Indian Country”
- Building a Powerful Reservation Economy
- The Power of Native Women Entrepreneurs

**Who:** Del Laverdure, Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

**What:** Del Laverdure will be the Featured Speaker for the premier gathering of American Indian and Indigenous Entrepreneurs, tribal entrepreneurs, tribal representatives, corporations and government agencies at the 24th Annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2010) and American Indian Business Trade Fair.

**When:** Monday, February 22, 2010, 8:00-10:00 a.m. (EST)

**Where:** Las Vegas Hilton Ballroom 3000 Paradise Road Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-732-5111 (hotel)

**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.