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WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Carl J. Artman will discuss the Interior Department Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative on September 18, 2007, on Native America Calling. He will be joined by Majel Russell, who is the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. NAC is the national public radio and online public affairs and news program of the Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, a Native operated media center in Anchorage, Alaska.

On August 30, the Interior Department announced that it would hold a series of dialogue meetings on the initiative during the month of September with federally recognized tribes around the country. The meetings are an opportunity for Indian Affairs officials and tribal leaders to discuss how the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education should prepare for the effects of projected employee retirements, rising costs and utilizing future technology to improve the efficiency of Indian Affairs program operations.

For more information contact NAC at (505) 2775201 or visit www.nativeamericacalling.com.

WHO: Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, and Majel Russell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

WHAT: Guest appearance on Native America Calling, the national call-in radio program covering news, public affairs and events affecting Indian Country, to discuss the Interior Department Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative.

WHEN: 1:00 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

Note to Editors: The complete schedule for the DOI Indian Affairs Modernization Initiative Dialogue Meetings accompanies this release.