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Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne will ceremonially administer the oath of office to Carl Artman as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at a 3:30 p.m. event on Wednesday, April 18,2007 in the Sidney Yates Auditorium of the Main Interior Building.

Artman, 42, is an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. His nomination by President Bush was confirmed by the U. S. Senate on March 5, 2007. Artman had served as the Department's Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs since February 2006. Prior to joining the Solicitor's Office, he was chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe, where he managed all legal affairs of the tribe and provided legal guidance for tribal-wide reorganization and economic development.

Leaders and elders of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin will join the ceremony and tribal members will perform an honoring blessing for the new Assistant Secretary. Members of the tribe who are veterans of military service will serve as a color guard; and a youth group from the Oneida Elementary School will participate.

Who: Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne; Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Carl Artman

What: Ceremonial swearing in of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

When:3:30 p.m. EDT, Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Where: Sidney Yates Auditorium, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C, 20240

Media: All credentialed media are invited to attend and photograph the event