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WASHINGTON – Interior Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb will address the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2002 Mid-Year Conference on June 18 in Bismarck, N.D. His speech "The Path to Prosperity" will focus on building strong, sustainable tribal economies. He also will announce the Bureau's national conference on tribal economic development scheduled for September 16-19, 2002 in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has responsibility for fulfilling the Department's trust responsibility to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and individuals, as well as promoting tribal self-determination and economic development. The Assistant Secretary oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is responsible for providing services to approximately 1.4 million American Indians and Alaska Natives and the nation's 559 federally recognized tribes.

The National Congress of American Indians is the nation's oldest and largest association of tribal governments.

WHO: Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Neal A. McCaleb

WHAT: Remarks on tribal economic development at the NCAI 2002 Mid-Year Conference.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 18, 2002 11:00 a.m. (Local time)

WHERE: Bismarck Civic Center, Exhibit Hall A, Bismarck, N.D