



Sovereign Lending Task Force Meetings

Wednesday, June 1, 2005	Lummi Nation
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Wednesday, June 8, 2005	Tulalip Tribes
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- How can we improve tribes’ and tribal member’s access to banking services?
- What kinds of resources are available for infrastructure improvements?
- How we help improve access to homeownership on Indian reservations?
- How can we improve access to surety bonds for reservation-based contractors and outside contractors doing business on Indian reservations?
- What types of resources are available to help tribal members repair credit, save for their first home, fund a new business or further their education?

You are invited to join any of the following meetings of the *Sovereign Lending* Task Forces. The purpose of the meetings is to increase access to credit/capital and to promote community and economic development in Indian Country. Invited participants include Tribal leaders, community development planners and housing authority professionals, lenders, and government agency representatives. There is no charge for lunch or participating in any of the task force meetings.

While presenters are listed for certain topics, I strongly encourage you to share information about your resources as well.

RVSP Now

To RSVP for a meeting, please contact me by email at craig.nolte@sf.frb.org , phone at (206) 343-3761, or fax at (415) 977-4009. I am looking forward to seeing you again and working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Task Force Meeting Schedule

Sovereign Lending Task Force Meeting Schedule – June 2005

(1) **Lummi Nation, Bellingham, WA – Wednesday, June 1, 2005** 11:00 a.m. – 2: 00 p.m. Wex-liem Community Building, 2100 Lummi View Drive, Bellingham, WA (Lunch provided)

Website: <http://www.lummi-nsn.org/index.htm>

Staff Directory: <http://www.goia.wa.gov/directory/pdf/lummi.pdf>

Topic/Presenter: Infrastructure Resources for Housing

Learn how tribes can leverage their limited housing funds by collaborating with experienced nonprofit housing developers and government agencies.

Tuana Jones, USDA Rural Development

Joe Mitschelen, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

BIA Update

Get the latest news on transportation regulations, TAAMS, land lease approval issues, and more.

Bernard LeClair, BIA

Improving Access to Surety Bonds

The lack of access to surety bonds by reservation-based contractors, and outside contractors wanting to work on Indian reservations, can result in higher construction costs than if by non-tribal contractors and off-reservation developments. Learn about the importance of surety bonds in the construction business and the steps tribes can take to help ensure access surety bonds to both tribal contractors and outside contractors

Mark King, Marsh and McLennan Companies, Inc.

Financial Institutions

Learn about the products and services of area financial institutions.

Presenters to be determined.

Directions:

From I-5, take Slater Road Exit #260 and head west about 2 miles past the Silver Reef Casino. Turn left at Haxton Way (Shell Station) and drive about 6 miles south to the waterfront and past the ferry terminal (road turns into Lummi View Drive). Go about 2 miles until you reach the 2nd Bear Totem and turn **left** up the road (driveway). Take the **second left** and park at the Community Building (Wexliem) (brown-colored building on left side of road. Another landmark near the building is two posts with carved frogs.

(2) **Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Sequim, WA – Thursday, June 2, 2005**

11:00 a.m. – 2: 00 p.m. Room, 1033 Old Blyn Highway, Sequim, WA (Lunch provided)

Website: <http://www.jamestowntribe.org/>

Staff Directory: <http://www.goia.wa.gov/directory/pdf/jamest.pdf>

Topic/Presenter: **Resources for Medical Facilities**

Several Washington tribes have either already constructed or are in the process of constructing medical facilities. Learn how tribes can leverage their existing funding using government and other resources to construct new facilities.

Dave Englested, Indian Health Service

Tuana Jones, USDA Rural Development

BIA Update

Ray Maldonado, BIA

Improving Access to Surety Bonds

George Schroeder, Marsh and McLennan Companies, Inc.

Infrastructure Resources for Housing

Lucy Shelby, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Patrice Varela- Daylo, USDA Rural Development

Financial Institutions

Learn about the products and services of area financial institutions.

Mia Vermillion, Washington Mutual Bank

Cyndee Wood, Sterling Savings Bank

Carol Miles, Sterling Savings Bank

Penny Withers, Action Mortgage

Directions:

From SeaTac via Bainbridge Island Ferry

From SeaTac follow Interstate Highway 5 north to Seattle. Take exit #164 to Bainbridge Ferries. Follow directions for Washington State Ferries. From the Bainbridge Island ferry landing dock, follow Highway 305 (to Poulsbo/Hood Canal Bridge). From the Hood Canal Bridge follow Highway 104 which joins Highway 101. Follow Highway 101 to Blyn Crossing, turn right (watch for signs) then turn right again on Old Blyn Highway.

From SeaTac via Bremerton and Highway 16

From SeaTac follow Interstate Highway 5 south to Tacoma. Take exit # 132 (west to Bremerton). After crossing the Narrows Bridge, remain on Highway 16 for 21 miles. Highway 16 intersects with Highway 3. Cross the Hoods Canal Bridge. Highway 3 intersects with Highway 104 and then joins Highway 101. Follow Highway 101 to Blyn Crossing, turn right (watch for signs) turn right again

on Old Blyn Highway. From the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to the Tribal Center is approximately 74 miles.

Map: <http://www.jamestowntribe.org/MapandDirs.htm>

Directions questions: (360) 683-1109

- (3) **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Lincoln City, OR - Tuesday, June 7, 2005**
11:00 a.m. – 2: 00 p.m. Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 N.W. 44th, Street, Lincoln City, OR (Lunch Provided)
Web site: <http://ctsi.nsn.us/>

Topic/Presenter: Homeownership Programs

Gina Knabe Umble, Benton Lincoln County Housing Center

Linda Woods, Valley IDA (VIDA)

Rosa Olivares, Valley IDA (VIDA)

Alisa Larson, Consultant for First Nations Development Institute, Corporation for Enterprise Development and OWEESTA Corporation

Kim Beesley, Consumer Credit Counseling of the Mid-Willamette Valley Inc.

Affordable Housing Resources

Deanna Quimby, USDA Rural Development

Terry Larrabee, Yamhill Community Development Corporation

David Green, Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County

Bruce Newman, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

BIA Update

Michelle Hensel, BIA

Financial Institutions

Learn about the products and services of area financial institutions.

David Green, West Coast Bank

- Directions:** From Portland, get on I-5 South. Take the 99W exit in Tigard. Continue on 99W for approximately 22 miles. Take Highway 18W (Ocean Beaches) exit. Continue on 18W to Lincoln City.
Directions questions? (541) 996-5825

(4) Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, WA – Wednesday, June 8, 2005 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
10200 Quil Ceda Blvd., Tulalip, WA 98392 (Lunch provided)

Website: <http://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/>

Staff Directory: <http://www.goia.wa.gov/directory/pdf/tulali.pdf>

Topic/Presenter: Housing Development Resources

Tribes are increasingly seeking ways to leverage their funds to meet the housing needs of their members. Learn how tribes can collaborate with area nonprofit organizations to create affordable housing.

Tony To, HomeSight

Trish Roberts, Common Ground

Art Seavey, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Mary Fears, Habitat for Humanity of Snohomish County

Individual Development Accounts for Tribal Members

Nicholas Rebo, Lynne Springs, Carl Zapora, United Way of Snohomish County

Lowering Construction Costs: Improving Access to Surety Bonds

Jan Sokol, Stewart Sokol and Gray LCC

Mike McCloud, Safeco/First National Surety

Mark King, Marsh and McLennan Companies, Inc.

BIA Update

Gina Hinchman-Eastman, Portland Regional Office, BIA

Financial Institutions

Learn about the products and services of area financial institutions.

Presenters to be determined.

Directions:

From I-5, take Exit 202 and follow Quil Ceda Boulevard to the casino. Park in back of casino and enter through the administration entrance in back of casino. The conference is located at top of stairway. Directions questions? (360) 651-1111.

http://www.tulalipcasino.com/top_directions.asp

(5) **The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Grand Ronde, OR– Friday, June 29, 2005** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Governance Building, Room 204, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR (Lunch provided)

Website: <http://www.grandronde.org/>

Staff Directory: <http://www.grandronde.org/programs/index.html>

Topic/Presenter: Asset –Building Resources for Tribal Members

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are emerging as one of the most promising tools to enable low-income American families save, build assets and enter the financial mainstream. IDAs reward the monthly savings of working-poor families who are trying to buy their first home, pay for post-secondary education, or start a small business. This reward or incentive is provided through the use of matching funds that typically come from a variety of private and public sources. Learn about how tribal members can participate in an IDA program in their community. Here's a link to information on IDAs: <http://cfed.org/>

Linda Woods, Valley IDA (VIDA)

Alisa Larson, Consultant for First Nations Development Institute, Corporation for Enterprise Development and OWEESTA Corporation

BIA Update

Gina Hinchman-Eastman, Portland Regional Office, BIA

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Affordable Housing Resources

Bruce Newman, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Directions:

From Portland, get on I-5 South. Take the 99W exit in Tigard. Continue on 99W for approximately 22 miles. Take Highway 18W (Ocean Beaches) exit. Continue on 18W for approximately 31 miles. Drive past Spirit Mountain Casino one mile to Grand Ronde Road. Turn right one mile turn left into the Tribal Governance campus. The Sovereign Lending Task Force Meeting will be held in the main Governance building (just past the Viet Nam Memorial on the right), upstairs in Room #204. Directions questions? (800) 422-0232.