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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM 10-009**

**Treasury Department Schedules Conference Calls  
with Tribal Leaders to Seek Advice on Consultation**

On January 13, 2010, the Treasury Department issued the attached letter to tribal leaders scheduling conference calls, the purpose of which is to seek advice on both the substance and process for consultation with tribes as required by President Obama. (See our General Memorandum 09-141 dated November 9, 2009, regarding the President's directive to Executive Agencies concerning tribal consultation.)

The conference calls are scheduled as follows:

January 19, 2010 – 2 – 4 p.m. EST  
Call in Number: 866-341-2255; Pass code: 889-629

January 22, 2010, 2-4 p.m. EST  
Call in Number: 866-341-2255; Pass code: 390-143

As noted in the attached letter, the Treasury Department also solicits written comments on the consultation process.

This is a significant opportunity for tribal governments and Indian organizations to interact with Treasury Department officials on a range of issues including tribal economic development bonds and whether those bonds should be limited in their use for only "essential government functions," the Community Development Financial Institutions program, and myriad tax issues.

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
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January 13, 2010

Dear Tribal Leader:

At the White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 5, 2009, President Obama called tribal consultation “a critical ingredient of a sound and productive federal-tribal relationship” and signed a Memorandum on Tribal Consultations which directed each Federal agency to create an action plan for implementing Executive Order 13175. I share the President’s commitment to improving consultation and coordination with Native America Tribes and the U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) is committed to developing a comprehensive plan to meet that goal.

We request your advice and feedback on how to ensure the concerns of Indian Tribal Governments are heard inside Treasury. Specifically, we would like to hear your thoughts on the following issues:

- What are the major issue areas where Native American Tribes are affected by Treasury actions?
- What actions or events should require consultation?
- Who should participate in consultation?
- What are the best methods of communication with Tribal leaders?

Of course, any comments or concerns you may have in addition to the issues above would also be appreciated.

To ensure that all tribes have an opportunity to comment Treasury has scheduled the following national conference calls with Tribal leaders:

Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 2:00 – 4:00 pm (EST)  
Call in Number: 866-341-2255 Pass code: 889-629

Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:00 – 4:00 pm (EST)  
Call in Number: 866-341-2255 Pass code: 390-143

I would be delighted if you could participate in one of these calls.

Additionally, Treasury also welcomes you to submit comments on the consultation process in writing. Written comments can be emailed to the Treasury at [TRIBAL.CONSUULT@do.treas.gov](mailto:TRIBAL.CONSUULT@do.treas.gov) or sent via regular mail to: Treasury Department (c/o Economic Policy), 1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20220.

Policy, U.S. Treasury. Treasury is committed to the creation of a permanent framework under which Tribal leaders will be able to consult with Treasury officials about Treasury policies and regulations that impact Native Americans. We look forward to receiving your input on how the consultative process should work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neal S. Wolin', written in a cursive style.

Neal S. Wolin  
Deputy Secretary of the Treasury