

September 1, 2010

Re: DOJ Tribal Consultation Invitation

Dear Tribal Leader,

I am writing to share a very important invitation letter from United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli. The DOJ will be holding a government-to-government **Tribal Consultation session October 4-5, 2010, at the Northern Quest Resort in Airway Heights, WA, approximately 10 miles outside of Spokane, WA.**

The first day of the consultation will focus on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. DOJ will solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on enhancing the safety of Native women and strengthening the federal response to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The second day will be devoted to consultation on DOJ grant funding for tribal governments. DOJ officials would like to hear feedback from tribal leaders about their experiences with the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), the new coordinated tribal grants application process utilized by the Department for Fiscal Year 2010. DOJ would also like to solicit recommendations for how the process could be improved for Fiscal Year 2011.

An agenda for this event is being developed in a series of scoping calls conducted by the DOJ with interested tribal leaders. The next call is scheduled on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 4pm EASTERN time. The call-in number is 1-800-201-2375 or 1-469-759-7753; passcode 109205.

If you have questions or concerns about the consultation, please contact: Lorraine Edmo, OVV Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov, 202-307-6026.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Kauffman
Kauffman & Associates, Inc.

Enclosures



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

The Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

AUG 31 2010

Dear Tribal Leader,

I am honored to invite you to the United States Department of Justice Tribal Consultation session to be held October 4-5, 2010. This consultation will be held at the Northern Quest Resort in Spokane, Washington. The first day of the consultation will be focused on the subject of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. The second day will be devoted to consultation on Department of Justice grant funding for tribal governments, focusing specifically on the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process that was implemented for a number of Department of Justice tribal grants in Fiscal Year 2010. The Department will also be soliciting recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2011 tribal grant process.

Day 1: Violence Against Women Consultation

The overarching purpose of the violence against women consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal government leaders on enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women and strengthening the federal response to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The Department of Justice has hosted a series of scoping calls with interested tribal leaders to develop the agenda for the consultation session. We will distribute additional information about the specific agenda items in the upcoming weeks.

Day 2: Grant Funding Consultation

On the second day of the consultation, Department of Justice officials would like to hear feedback from tribal government leaders about their experiences with CTAS, the new coordinated tribal grants application process utilized by the Department for Fiscal Year 2010, and solicit recommendations for how DOJ tribal grant-making could be improved for Fiscal Year 2011.

The CTAS process is an effort to streamline the Department's grant-making process in response to concerns often expressed by Tribal leaders. CTAS combined the Department of Justice's existing tribal government-specific competitive grant solicitations into a single

solicitation, thus requiring only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium. Grant funds administered by several Department of Justice components were included in the coordinated solicitation including:

- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Office of Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

A copy of the solicitation used in Fiscal Year 2010 is available at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov for your information and review.

Registration and Logistics

You can register for the consultation in advance of the event at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov. If your tribe elects to designate someone who is not an elected or appointed tribal leader as its official representative, we are requesting that the individual who will be presenting testimony on behalf of your tribe be prepared to submit either a resolution from your tribal council or a letter from you on official letterhead, which confirms their status as the official representative of your tribe. If your tribe is unable to attend the consultation in person, the Department of Justice will also accept written testimony. Written comments can be sent to:

Office on Violence Against Women
United States Department of Justice
ATTN: Tribal Unit
800 K Street, NW, Ste. 920
Washington, DC 20530
Fax: (202) 305-2589

More information about the Department of Justice Tribal Consultation will be forthcoming and updates will be available at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov. I hope you will be able to join us for this important consultation session and look forward to seeing you in Spokane, WA in October. If you have questions or concerns about the consultation, please contact: OVW Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Lorraine Edmo, lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov, 202-307-6026.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Perrelli