

As you know, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is hosting a consultation with tribal leaders on **Oct. 4-5, 2010 in Spokane, WA** (please see the [invitation letter](#) for more information).

The agenda for the consultation is being developed in a series of scoping calls conducted by the DOJ with interested tribal leaders. **The next call is scheduled for TOMORROW, September 8, 2010, at 4 pm EASTERN time. The call-in number is 1-800-201-2375 or 1-469-759-7753; passcode 109205.** All tribal leaders are welcome to participate.

In advance of the call, DOJ has prepared draft agendas for each portion of the consultation for your review and comment. You will find links to the three documents below:

1. A draft agenda for [DAY 1](#) of the consultation, which will be focused on violence against Native women
2. A draft agenda presenting [one option for DAY 2](#) of the consultation, which will be focused on DOJ grant-making (additional background information about the DOJ grant-making process is available at <http://www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov/ctas.html>)
3. A draft agenda presenting a [second option for DAY 2](#) of the consultation

These draft agendas have not yet been finalized and DOJ is seeking tribal input. If you are unable to participate in tomorrow's call, you can send comments to Lorraine Edmo, OVW Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, at lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov.

Updated information about the consultation agenda and logistics will be available at www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov. Tribal leaders who are interested in attending the consultation can make hotel reservations now at:

Northern Quest Resort & Casino
100 N Hayford Rd, Airway Heights, WA 99001
Phone: 509-242-7000

Reservations: 1-877-871-6772 (Toll Free)

Room Block: DOJ Tribal Consultation

Conference Room Rate: \$86.00 + tax for a single room. Additional individuals may be added to the room at a rate of \$20 per person per night; limit is four (4) people a room. Based on availability, the group rate is available through September 20, 2010.



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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

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October 4, 2010 Violence Against Native Women Consultation Session, Spokane, WA
Draft Agenda Day 1 – VAWA Consultation

Time	Function
8:00 AM- 8:30 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM- 9:30 AM	Opening Plenary: Traditional Opening and Welcome Remarks, Purpose of Sessions and Explanation
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM.....	Break
9:45 AM – 12:15 PM.....	Regional Consultation Sessions & Listening session for program staff/advocates
	• Region 1 Consultation • Region 2 Consultation • Region 3 Consultation • Region 4 Consultation • Region 5 Consultation* • Listening Session for attendees who are not the official representatives of their tribes[†]
<i>Proposed consultation topics are listed on the following page.</i>	
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM.....	Working Lunch: report out from the regions
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM.....	National Consultation
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM.....	Break
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.....	National Consultation continued
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM.....	Closing Comments and Recess

* Depending on the number of registrants, additional regional consultation sessions may be added.

[†] Because the consultation sessions are conducted on a government-to-government basis, only the official representatives from the tribal governments will be permitted to participate. This informal listening session will provide an opportunity for program staff and advocates who are not designated to speak on behalf of their tribal government to ask questions and share feedback with DOJ program staff.

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The following topics have been proposed for the upcoming consultation on violence against Native women:

1. *Federal concurrent jurisdiction in mandatory PL 280 states.* The recently enacted Tribal Law & Order Act includes a provision permitting tribes in PL 280 states to petition the federal government to assume concurrent jurisdiction over Indian Country crimes. Several tribes have requested that DOJ consult with tribal leaders about how this provision should be implemented.
2. *Full faith and credit of tribal protection orders.* VAWA requires state and tribal courts to honor orders of protection issued by one another. DOJ has heard from a number of tribes that this continues to be a challenge in many areas.
3. *Tribal Priorities for reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).* VAWA is scheduled to be reauthorized by Congress in 2011, and DOJ is interested in hearing about tribal priorities for reauthorization. During the 2005 reauthorization, a provision that would have created a pilot project for some tribes to assume jurisdiction over non-Indian perpetrators of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes was discussed but was ultimately not included. DOJ is particularly interested in hearing feedback from tribes about this provision.
4. *Federal prosecutions & investigations.* DOJ has launched a number of initiatives over the past year aimed at improving the federal response to crimes of violence against women in Indian Country. DOJ is interested in receiving feedback on how those initiatives are working and recommendations for what else should be done, particularly with regard to the firearms and habitual offender provisions included in VAWA.
5. *Office on Violence Against Women grants.* Since 2007, OVW has administered about \$35 million each year in discretionary grants through the Grants to Tribal Governments Program. This program is available to tribal governments for a wide range of purposes. At past consultation sessions, recommendations have been made that OVW should make changes to the way these funds are distributed. Some tribal leaders have encouraged OVW to work with tribes to develop a formula for distribution, while others have expressed a preference for the competitive grant process. Recommendations have also been made about the types of activities OVW should fund and how long the award period for each grant should be. OVW is interested in hearing from tribal leaders whether any changes should be made to the way that OVW grants are administered.
6. *Trafficking of Native women and children.* At past consultation sessions, participants have raised concerns about trafficking of Native women and children in some areas. The DOJ Office for Victims of Crime recently convened a focus group on this issue. DOJ is interested in hearing feedback from tribal leaders to the preliminary report from this focus group.
7. *Access to federal criminal databases.* Several tribes have asked for an update and an opportunity to consult about DOJ's efforts to ensure that tribal law enforcement agencies have access to the federal criminal information databases.

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Day 2 – DOJ Grants Consultation

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8:00 AM- 8:10 AM	Traditional Opening
8:10 AM – 8:25 AM.....	Tribal Welcome
8:25 AM – 8:40 AM.....	DOJ Opening Comments
8:40 AM – 8:50 AM	Overview of the Day
8:50 AM – 9:00 AM.....	Transition to Regional Consultation Sessions
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.....	First Set of Regional Consultation Sessions
	- Room 1 - Room 2 - Room 3
	- Room 4 - Room 5 - Room 6
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM.....	Break
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM.....	Continue Concurrent Regional Consultations
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM.....	Transition to Working Lunch
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.....	Working Lunch: report out on results of morning consultation Regional Issues
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM.....	Additional Tribal Leader Statements/Federal Discussion
	“What worked well with the DOJ grant process this year?” “What didn’t work well?” “How did this year compare to previous years?”
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM.....	Break
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM.....	Continue Tribal Statements/Federal Discussion
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