



Reservation Economic Summit (RES) to Return to Washington, DC for Second Consecutive Year

Conference designed to advance economic development in Indian Country to also feature "New Day Now" rally at the Capitol

WASHINGTON, DC - Starting less than a month from today, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (The National Center) will host its second regional Reservation Economic Summit (RES) in Washington, DC. The conference will take place from June 15-18 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. RES DC will feature networking opportunities with high-level government officials, tribal government and business leaders, corporations both large and small, exciting and informative sessions on a wide variety of topics, and much more. In addition, conference attendees will participate in a "New Day Now" rally outside the U.S. Capitol. Immediately after the rally, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee will host two separate panels to discuss issues critical to Indian Country's economy. The rally will be the first of its kind for the National Center and designed to advance economic development in Indian Country.

"RES DC promises to be another successful economic summit put on by the National Center – and one that will continue our mission of advancing business for Indian Country," said Gary Davis, President and CEO of the National Center. "Last year, we laid a strong foundation with our first RES DC, and we look forward to continuing that progress in 2015. I encourage our American Indian enterprises and entrepreneurs, as well as those interested in doing business in Indian Country, to come to our nation's capital for RES DC."

In addition to sessions on topics from energy, economic diversification, procurement, trade, taxes, and labor with leaders from key federal agencies, the "New Day Now" rally will seek to unite Indian Country behind an economic development agenda.

"The 'New Day Now' rally will be a first for the National Center in DC, and we believe it will serve as a clear signal to lawmakers that economic

development in Indian Country should be a Congressional priority,” continued Davis. “I am encouraged that several of our political leaders have pledged to be willing partners in our efforts. The message is simple: together we can do more now and together we can do more for the future of Indian Country.”

RES DC will be the National Center’s sixth regional Reservation Economic Summit. In addition to RES DC, last year the National Center hosted RES Wisconsin in Milwaukee. At the most recent National RES in Las Vegas, the National Center unveiled the beta launch of the Native Edge – its new online business development portal to give Indian Country access to the tools it needs to succeed in business. RES DC will feature an opening day session to overview the Native Edge and give conference users a chance to sign up for the innovative online platform.

Also at the most recent RES, the National Center hosted an Interactive Access to Capital Fair to connect Indian Country to financial institutions capable of funding their business ideas. In addition, the National Center partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration to host a Buy Native Procurement Expo to match Native American businesses with procurement opportunities. Both the Interactive Access to Capital Fair and the Buy Native Procurement Expo will return to RES DC.

For more information on RES DC and a preliminary agenda, please visit <http://res.ncaied.org>.

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