TO: ALL INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN GRANTEES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Native American Employment and Training Council Call for Nominations

1. **Purpose**: To request Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 grantees to submit nominations for consideration by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, for appointment to fill expiring terms of membership on the Native American Employment and Training Council (Council).

2. **Reference**: WIA, Section 166 (h)(4) and 41 CFR §102-3.30 (c).

3. **Background**: The current Council Charter was renewed for 2 years, effective July 22, 2009. The charter provides for approximately 21 members appointed for 2 years by the Secretary of Labor (Secretary). Appointments shall remain effective until a replacement is designated by the Secretary in writing.

In helping address economic distress, the Secretary is seeking tribal nominations in the areas of secondary and postsecondary education, health care, economic development, and “green jobs” to join the Council and provide expertise on the WIA Indian and Native American Programs. The Secretary is also seeking representatives for Regions I, Boston (includes CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, and VT), Region II, Philadelphia (includes DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV), Region III, Atlanta (includes AL, GA, FL, KY, NC, SC, TN, and MS), Region IV, Dallas (includes AR, CO, LA, MT, ND, NM, OK, SD, TX, UT, and WY), Region V, Chicago (includes IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI), Region VI, San Francisco (includes AK, AZ, CA, GU, HI, ID, NV, OR, and WA), and other representatives. Appointments for the following twelve members will expire on October 9, 2010:

**REGION I, BOSTON** (includes CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, and VT):

Mr. Darrell Waldron
REGION II, PHILADELPHIA (includes DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, and WV):

Ms. G. Ann Richardson

REGION III, ATLANTA (includes KY, NC, TN, MS, AL, SC, GA, and FL):

Mr. Elkton Richardson

REGION IV, DALLAS (includes AR, CO, LA, MT, ND, NM, SD, TX, UT, and WY):

Dr. Rodney Strapp
Ms. Kimberly Carroll

REGION V, CHICAGO (includes IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI):

Ms. Christine Molle

REGION VI, SAN FRANCISCO (includes AK, AZ, CA, GU, HI, ID, NV, OR, and WA):

Ms. Lorenda Sanchez
Ms. Julia Davis-Wheeler

OKLAHOMA REGION

Mr. Jeff Foster

OTHER DISCIPLINE:

Mr. Leo Cummings
Ms. Victoria Wright
Dr. David Yarlott

With reference to the Other Discipline memberships, the Federal Advisory Committee Act regulations at 41 C.F.R. §102-3.30(c) requires advisory committees to have a balanced membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Factors to be considered in achieving such a membership depend upon several elements, including the vision and mission of the Secretary. Prospective nominees may represent various areas of expertise such as technical experts (e.g. “green jobs”), education (including Tribal Colleges), health care, elected tribal leaders, business, or other sectors. Similar to other members of the Council, these individuals must be representative of Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations. In nominating Other Discipline representatives, the factors described above must be considered.
4. **Action.** Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for a 2 year term designated by the Secretary in writing. The Secretary may consider nominations for appointment to the Council as submitted by the grantee or tribal communities. The members listed above can still be renominated to serve another 2 year appointment. The Indian and Native American Program will accept nominations electronically submitted to the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Evangeline M. Campbell, at campbell.evangeline@dol.gov or by fax at (202) 693-3817. Please include a biography and resume of the nominee along with the form. In addition, include the name and telephone number of the individual who is submitting the individual for nomination. This information may also be mailed to:

   U.S. Department of Labor  
   Indian and Native American Program  
   Employment and Training Administration  
   200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
   Room S-4209  
   Washington, D.C. 20210

   Attention: Mrs. Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO  
   Phone: (202) 693-3737

All nominations must be submitted (U.S. postmarked or electronically dated, e-mailed, or faxed) no later than 31 calendar days, excluding any Federal holidays, from the date of this notice. Submit Council nominations on the attached form and include a signed acceptance form from the nominee. The nomination package may also be sent by commercial carrier to the above address.

Grantee (including those designated as Public Law 102-477) representatives in Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and Oklahoma may submit nominations for memberships in their areas only. The Department of Labor (the Department) will accept nominations from all grantees to fill seats on the Council representing “Other Discipline” memberships. Indian tribes and Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian organizations that do not administer a Section 166 grant may also submit nominations. Public Law 102-477 grantees and tribal officials are eligible for appointment to the Council. Self-nominations will be accepted.

In submitting nominations, consider the availability of the nominee to attend and actively participate in Council meetings (a minimum of two meetings annually), serve on Council workgroups, and provide feedback to the grantee community. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation and shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 166 (h)(4)(D)(ii) of WIA. Communication between the Council member and his or her constituency is essential to the partnership between the Department and the Indian and Native American community.
5. **Inquiries.** Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO, at (202) 693-3737.

6. **Attachments.**
   - Council Nomination Form
   - Nomination Acceptance Form
Please complete the nomination form and return to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment, Indian and Native American Program postmarked no later than 30 calendar days from the date on this notice.

NOMINATIONS

REGION I MEMBER: ____________________________________
(Only Region I grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

REGION II MEMBER: ________________________________
(Only Region II grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

REGION III MEMBER: ________________________________
(Only Region III grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

REGION IV MEMBER: __________________________________
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(Only Region IV grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

REGION V MEMBER: ________________________________
(Only Region V grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

REGION VI MEMBER: ________________________________
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(Only Region VI grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

OKLAHOMA REPRESENTATIVE: ________________________________
(Only Oklahoma grantees and organizations may nominate for this appointment.)

*OTHER DISCIPLINE MEMBER: ________________________________
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*All grantees, tribes, and organizations may nominate for these appointments.
I, __________________________________, ___________, formally accept the nomination to serve on the Native American Employment and Training Council, which is a two (2) year appointment, by the Secretary of Labor, for the Region or Sector of: _____________________________________________.

(Specify the Region or Sector, e.g. Region II, or Other Discipline- Tribal Leadership)

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Signature

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Date