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FCC ANNOUNCES RESCHEDULING OF ITTI 2001 (Indian Telecom Training Initiative 2001)

NEW DATE: SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2002

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in conjunction with the National Exchange Carrier Association, announces the ITTI 2001 program originally scheduled for September 23-26, 2001, will be held September 8-11, 2002, at Bally's Las Vegas. The ITTI 2001/2002 seminar will provide American Indian tribal and Alaskan Native Village leaders and other interested parties with an opportunity to obtain information and share ideas on increasing telecommunications services on tribal lands. The FCC will bring together its own experts, along with representatives from other federal government agencies, telecommunications companies and emerging technology firms, to inform tribal governments about various facets of telecommunications services and how different technologies, regulatory rules and government programs can be used to benefit tribal communities.

The inaugural ITTI conference, ITTI 2000, was the largest gathering of Native American tribal representatives ever assembled to address telecommunications issues. The nearly 600 seminar participants included representatives from 135 American Indian tribes and Alaskan Native Villages. In addition, 27 business and government entities hosted 32 booths in the Exhibit Hall and more than 35 organizations helped to sponsor the event.

The FCC welcomes your interest in this informative seminar for tribal nations. For additional information or to provide support for this event, please call (888) CALL-FCC (225-5322); TTY: (888) TELL-FCC (835-5322) and speak with a Consumer Advocacy and Mediation Specialist; or e-mail the FCC at ITTI2001@fcc.gov.

For more information on this initiative and other matters concerning telecommunications services for Indian Country, please visit our website: www.fcc.gov/indians.