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**FCC AND AFFILIATED TRIBES OF NORTHWEST INDIANS TO HOST  
INDIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES  
REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE PLANNING SESSION  
NOVEMBER 9-10, 2004, ON THE COEUR D'ALENE RESERVATION**

**Tribal Representatives, FCC Officials and Telecommunications Industry Representatives  
to Participate in Workshop Discussions and Roundtable Planning Session**

Washington, D.C. - As part of the FCC's Indian Telecommunications Initiatives program (ITI), and in cooperation with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), an inter-tribal non-profit organization of 54 tribal governments located in the Northwestern United States, the FCC will host its third Regional Workshop and Roundtable on November 9 and 10 at the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel near Worley, Idaho, on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. The event is free of charge to registrants and issues important to telecommunications deployment on Tribal lands will be examined in detail. Tribal leaders and representatives, planning and economic development managers, and telecommunications industry representatives are encouraged to attend these intergovernmental meetings. Subjects addressed will highlight opportunities for increased economic growth, consumer choice, and homeland security planning. This ITI event will build upon the successes of the FCC's previous ITI Regional Workshop and Roundtables, held in Reno, Nevada, in July 2003, and in Rapid City, South Dakota, in May of 2004.

**The "ITI-ATNI" Program**

"ITI-ATNI" is designed to increase the understanding of essential telecommunications issues and policies affecting Indian Country and to increase the intergovernmental consultation with American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages on telecommunications issues and policies. The Workshop discussions on November 9 will address telecommunications issues facing Indian Country with the goal of providing clear, practical information that Tribal leaders and decision-makers can use to prioritize their Tribal economic goals and telecommunications development agendas. Building upon the past ITI regional workshops, "ITI-ATNI" will examine issues involving accessing wireless spectrum, universal service support, and issues new to the ITI outreach profile, such as homeland security and communications planning and deployment of internet protocol-enabled services. Regional specific issues will be examined and interactive, solution-oriented sessions will target how telecom infrastructure deployment, emerging and different telecommunications technologies, and government programs can be used to benefit Tribal communities.

The November 10 Roundtable and Planning Session will provide an interactive consultative planning session opportunity for federal officials and ATNI leaders and representatives to discuss Tribal telecommunications needs and priorities, and Commission rules, programs, and policies affecting telecommunications services in Indian Country. This Roundtable will provide an opportunity for Tribes to discuss priorities in regional and national telecommunications policy making efforts and local Tribal efforts to deploy effective telecommunications systems and increase subscribership. This Roundtable planning session will be hosted by the FCC's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau in the context of the trust relationship shared by the FCC and the Tribes.

### **The FCC's Indian Telecommunications Initiatives**

The FCC's ITI is comprehensive program that seeks to promote understanding, cooperation and trust among Tribes and Tribal organizations; the FCC and other governmental agencies; and the telecommunications industry. The ITI program seeks to build partnerships, identify potential solutions, and bring affordable, quality telecommunications services to Indian Country. The ITI program's goals - to increase the telephone penetration rate; facilitate the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure on tribal lands; and inform Tribes about federal government programs, including Universal Service Fund programs - are undertaken in Indian Country by the FCC through targeted and effective Tribal outreach, coordination and consultation. The Commission's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), located within the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, is responsible for coordinating the FCC's Tribal outreach and consultation. For further information on the ITI or IGA, please contact IGA Chief Sue McNeil at 202-418-7619, [sue.mcneil@fcc.gov](mailto:sue.mcneil@fcc.gov), or Senior Attorney and FCC Liaison to Tribal Governments Geoffrey Blackwell at 202-418-8192, [geoffrey.blackwell@fcc.gov](mailto:geoffrey.blackwell@fcc.gov).

### **Registration for “ ITI-ATNI” and More Information**

Tribal leaders and representatives, and planning and economic development managers are encouraged to attend. Telecommunications industry representatives are welcome to attend these intergovernmental meetings. To register for the ITI-ATNI Regional Workshop and Roundtable, or to obtain additional information, please call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) press number 5 and leave your information, call 202-418-2513, fax 202-418-1414, or e-mail your full contact information to [iti-info@fcc.gov](mailto:iti-info@fcc.gov).

The Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel is located 30 minutes south of Coeur d'Alene and southwest of Spokane on US Highway 95, near Worley, Idaho. A block of rooms has been reserved from Monday, November 8 to Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at a special rate of \$63.00 per room, per night, single or double occupancy. Rooms will be held at this rate until October 26, 2004. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-523-2464, ext. #7707. Please ask for group “FCC/ITI.”

For more information on the ITI-ATNI Regional Workshop and Roundtable please contact Geoffrey Blackwell, FCC Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-8192, [geoffrey.blackwell@fcc.gov](mailto:geoffrey.blackwell@fcc.gov); or Dan Rumelt, FCC Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division at 202-418-7512, [dan.rumelt@fcc.gov](mailto:dan.rumelt@fcc.gov). Updates and further information will also be made available on the FCC's Tribal Initiatives website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/indians>.

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