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NIGC Collaborates with GPIGA in Offering NIGC 101 Training Course in Minnesota

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) will offer a NIGC Role & IGRA Overview training course on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, during the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association's (GPIGA) 19th Annual Great Plains/Midwest/Rocky Mountain Indian Gaming Conference & Trade Show at the Mystic Lake Casino located in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

The Commission views training and technical assistance as an essential component of its mission and commitment to work with Tribal governments to more efficiently utilize limited resources. NIGC Chairwoman Tracie Stevens stated, "This training highlights the Commission's commitment to use innovative and efficient tools to maintain the integrity of the industry. Providing training at this event is designed to improve the Agency's implementation of training and technical assistance, and maintain the effective regulation of the Indian gaming industry."

Chairwoman Stevens explained, "Our intent is to complement the training activities that occur at regional inter-tribal events. Through outreach to such organizations, we can better tailor our trainings to the Tribes in each region, thereby further protecting the industry. The Tribes expend significant resources to attend these regional training functions. It simply makes sense to make the most of everyone's time while minimizing everyone's respective costs."

All tribal leaders, tribal gaming regulatory authorities and casino compliance personnel are encouraged to attend this training.

A course agenda, on line registration and additional information is available at www.nigc.gov.

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