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SAIGE 10th Annual National Training Program--Spokane, WA

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) will hold its 10th annual National Training Program, *Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions*, at the Kalispel Tribe's Northern Quest Hotel in Spokane, Washington on June 3-7, 2013. The training provides forums on the most current issues, opportunities, and challenges facing American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) government employees, the AI/AN tribes and the people we serve. The plenary sessions offer acclaimed and dynamic presenters and the developmental workshops are presented by knowledgeable speakers. Workshops are designed in six subject areas: Indian Country and Federal Indian Law, Equal Employment Opportunity and Human Resources, Indigenous Natural and Culture Resources, Leadership and Professional Development, and Wellness and Health. Networking opportunities with tribal and governmental leadership abound over the course of the Training Program.

SAIGE hosts an all-expense paid Youth Program designed to develop AI/AN college students into the next generation of leaders and introduce them to prosperous and fulfilling career paths in Government. Recruiters from private and public sectors will have the opportunity to participate as exhibitors, meet the students, and promote career opportunities within their agencies and organizations. Youth Program scholarships are limited, so students are encouraged to apply soon. Applications maybe found under Youth Track News at www.saige.org.

Immensely popular and ever growing in strength, SAIGE proudly supports the Veterans Program developed for and by veterans. This program offers training specifically addressing the needs and interests of AI/AN veterans by highlighting available federal benefits and providing the veterans within the SAIGE community exposure to employment options. The Veterans' Program facilitates collaboration and partnership opportunities among veterans, agencies that serve them and veterans' organizations. The Veterans' Program is open to all SAIGE registrants and local area veterans.

As part of its 2013 Training Program SAIGE will offer Federal Indian Law classes that are eligible for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits under Washington's State Bar Association. At the cost of registration, these CLE's are an effective way to maintain certifications while learning from acclaimed professors and scholars within the field of Federal Indian Law.

The SAIGE National Training Program early registration fee is \$600 online by April 19; \$650 to pre-register online by May 17; \$700 for late or on-site registration.

Invest in yourself and your organization! To learn more about all these opportunities and to register online visit us at www.saige.org. Online registration will be available in March. Check the website for updates.

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization representing American Indian and Alaska Native Federal, Tribal, State and local government employees. SAIGE was formed to promote their recruitment, retention, equal treatment and advancement within the government ranks, and to assist government agencies in honoring the unique Federal-Tribal relationship.