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SAIGE 13th Annual National Training Program— Catoosa, OK

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) will hold its 13th annual National Training Program, *Serving Our Nations*, at the Hard Rock Hotel in Catoosa, OK, June 6 – 9, 2016. The training provides forums on the most current issues, opportunities, and challenges facing American Indian and 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 these areas: Professional Development, Indian Country and Indian Law, EEO & HR, and Indigenous Natural Resources & Culture. Networking opportunities with tribal and governmental leadership are a large part of attending our Training Program. We hope you will mark your calendars and share with your co-workers about this excellent training opportunity.

As part of the Training Program, SAIGE hosts the annual Native Student Youth Program. This program provides college students an opportunity to learn about career opportunities that are available in government. SAIGE encourages Native American Youth to realize their potential to become leaders in their communities and schools and to continue their education by obtaining a college degree and to seek employment with the Federal government. Youth Program scholarships are limited, so students are encouraged to apply soon. The deadline is April 30, 2016. Applications may be found on the SAIGE website at www.saige.org under Youth Track News.

SAIGE proudly supports its Warrior Society/Veterans Program developed for and by veterans that offers training specific to the needs of AI/AN veterans. This program highlights federal benefits and provides attending veterans exposure to varied 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 is free to local area veterans.

Registration is now open at: <http://www.etches.com/saige2016> All information on fees, deadlines and hotel reservation information may be found at this site. Please make your hotel reservations early to ensure getting the government per diem rate of \$89 per night at the host hotel.

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 government, and to assist government agencies in honoring the unique Federal-Tribal relationship.