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SAIGE 14th Annual National Training Program, Scottsdale, Arizona

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) will hold its 14th annual National Training Program, *"Standing Together,"* in Scottsdale, AZ, June 5 – 8, 2017. It will take place at the beautiful We Ko Pa Resort and Conference Center, owned and operated by the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation.

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: Federal Indian Law, Leadership and Professional Development, Natural Resources & Culture, and Indian Country. 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 may be found on the SAIGE website at www.saige.org under Special Programs/Youth Track News.

SAIGE proudly supports its Veterans Program developed for and by veterans that offers training specific to the needs of AI/AN veterans by highlighting available federal benefits and providing 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.

The SAIGE National Training Program early registration fee is \$625 online by April 30; \$700 to pre-register online by May 24; \$750 for late on-site registration. Discounts may be available for tribal governments, groups, SAIGE Lifetime members and government retirees. Exhibit booth fees have been reduced in 2017 to \$1000 for standard Exhibitors. For more information on exhibits please contact Phil Hamel at secretary@saige.org.

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