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**U.S. ATTORNEY KENNETH J. GONZALES TO HOST 20TH ANNUAL
FOUR CORNERS INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE**

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West to Deliver Keynote Address

ALBUQUERQUE – U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales will host the 20th Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference at the Buffalo Thunder Hilton in Pojoaque Pueblo, N.M., on Aug. 28-30, 2012. Mr. Gonzales will be joined by John F. Walsh, U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado, and David B. Barlow, U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah.

The Four Corners Indian Country Conference is co-sponsored annually by the U.S. Attorneys for the Districts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, the Department of Justice's Office of Victims of Crime, and the BIA's Office of Justice Services. The conference provides participants, primarily leaders, social service providers and law enforcement officers from tribes in the Four Corners Region, with an opportunity to focus on the unique public safety and crime victim service challenges facing tribal communities, and to identify and discuss successful and sustainable strategies to address these challenges.

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will present the conference's keynote address at 2:15 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2012. Mr. West will discuss the Justice Department's commitment to victims, especially those who are victims of violent crime in Indian Country, as well as the Department's legislative efforts in the victim arena.

The conference's opening ceremony, including Mr. West's keynote address, which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2012, is open to the media. In addition to Mr. West and U.S. Attorneys Gonzales, Walsh and Barlow, opening ceremony speakers will include Governor George Rivera of Pojoaque Pueblo, James Robert Cantrall, Deputy Director of the Office of Victims of Crime, and Laura Naranjo, Deputy Associate Director of the BIA's Office of Justice Services.

**Aug. 28, 2012
2:15 p.m. MT**

Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will deliver remarks at the 20th Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference at the Buffalo Thunder Hilton, 20 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Pojoaque Pueblo, N.M.
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