

## **U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Associate Attorney General

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Dear Tribal Leader,

We are honored to invite your participation in the10th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation to be held November 4, 2015 in the Seattle, Washington area. The Department of Justice will be joined by our colleagues from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and Department of the Interior.

The purpose of the violence against women tribal consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal leaders on the following three topics:

- Enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the Federal response to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; and
- Administering grant funds appropriated for tribal government and programs created to benefit tribal governments by the original Violence against Women Act and subsequent legislation.

A copy of the 2014 Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation Report was mailed to you on February 18, 2015, and is also posted on the Office on Violence Against Women website. OVW will send out consultation questions and briefing materials along with OVW's report on the 2014 consultation recommendations by the end of summer. Logistical information about the tribal consultation will be available very soon at www.ovwtribalconsultation.org

We look forward to seeing you in the Seattle area in November. If you have questions about the Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation, please contact Lorrain Edmo at <u>lorraine.edmo@usdoj.gov</u> or (202) 307-6026.

Sincerely,

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