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UPDATED INVITATION—Additional Session

Dear Tribal Leader:

We are pleased to announce an additional Tribal consultation session in Fairbanks, Alaska, as part of the upcoming government-to-government consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice in Alaska. This consultation will focus on the results of the Alaska Pilot Program authorized by the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (VAWA 2022), including any modifications to law necessary to facilitate improved law enforcement in Alaska Native Villages. The Tribal views received during this consultation will be included in a report to Congress, as mandated by VAWA 2022. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 1305(h). A framing paper providing additional background information and outlining issues for discussion accompanies this letter.

Please note that the Tribal consultation will be closed to the press to protect confidential information that may be discussed during the sessions. To allow us to better prepare for this consultation, please [register](#)¹ if you plan to attend a session on the list below. We look forward to speaking with you at one or more of the following sessions:

Date & Time	Location	Notes
September 9-11, 2026 Tribal leaders have the option of addressing the attached framing paper in their oral testimony at the annual consultation held under the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.	Tulalip, WA	See 21st Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation for more information on how to participate. In addition to oral testimony at the event, Tribal leaders may provide written comments by the deadline below.
September 15, 2026 10 A.M. – Noon Alaska Time	Virtual	

¹ Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9G6GPH3> if you are not able to register using the hyperlink. If you are unable to access the registration page, please email OTJ@usdoj.gov to request registration.

September 22, 2026 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Alaska Time	Andrew Hope Building Council Chambers 320 Willoughby Avenue 3rd Floor Juneau, AK 99801	This consultation will be held in coordination with the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.
September 24, 2026 10 A.M. – Noon Alaska Time	Pike's Waterfront Lodge 1850 Hoselton Road Fairbanks, AK 99709	This consultation will be held in coordination with Tanana Chiefs Conference.

We also strongly encourage your written comments, which will be accepted until October 15, 2026. Please submit written comments by email to OTJ@usdoj.gov, or by mail to Office of Tribal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 0530-0001.

If you have any questions, have difficulty registering, or require accommodations for any of these consultation sessions, please contact the Office of Tribal Justice at OTJ@usdoj.gov. We hope that you will be able to participate in this important government to government consultation.

Sincerely,



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Director