

**WIA Reauthorization Forum:  
Indian and Native American Programs  
*Forum Information – Choctaw, Mississippi***

**October 8, 2002, 9:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.**

**Golden Moon Hotel & Casino, Golden Moon VIP Room  
13541 Highway 16 West, Choctaw, MS 39350 (800) 557-0711 or (601) 663-0066**

**Purpose**

As part of the Administration's efforts to collect public comment on the upcoming reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), this is one of two public forums to be held on WIA Section 166, Indian and Native American Employment and Training Programs. The other forum will take place in San Diego, California on November 6, 2002.

**Who Can Attend**

This forum will be a session of the Native American Workforce Investment Act 2002 Annual Eastern Multi-Regional Conference. However, members of the public who are not registered for the conference can still attend this forum. **There is no registration fee for attending the forum only.** Forum attendees who do not plan to speak do *not* need to pre-register.

**Presenting Comments**

**If you plan to present comments at the forum, please pre-register.** Pre-registered speakers will be scheduled to speak in the order in which they pre-registered. After all pre-registered speakers have commented, any remaining time will go to attendees who registered on-site to speak on a first-come, first-served basis. We ask that each speaker limit his or her comments to five minutes to enable as many speakers as possible to be heard. Speakers may also submit written statements at the forum.

Oral and written comments presented at the forum, as well as written comments received by the Division of Indian and Native American Programs by Friday, November 15, will be recorded and summarized for the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

**How to Register to Speak**

**There is no fee for registering to present comments.** The fastest way to pre-register to speak is on-line at: <http://www.usworkforce.org/reauthorization/forumregistration.asp>. (Please be sure all of your information is entered correctly before hitting the "register" button at the end.) To register via fax, complete the attached one-page Fax Registration Form (one form per person)

and fax it to “Forums” at TATC Consulting, (202) 408-8308. **Pre-registration for forum speakers will CLOSE at 10:30 A.M. Eastern Time on Friday, October 4.**

On-site registration for speaking at the forum will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Conference Registration Desk in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby of the Golden Moon Hotel & Casino on Monday, October 7, 1-5 P.M. and on Tuesday, October 8, 8:00-9:15 A.M. On-site registrants will be able to speak only during the time remaining after pre-registered speakers have presented their comments. If not enough time remains, not all on-site registrants will be able to speak.

### **Transportation Information**

Forum attendees are responsible for their own transportation to and from the hotel. Parking at the Golden Moon Hotel & Casino is free.

Driving directions to the Golden Moon Hotel & Casino are available on-line at <http://www.silverstarresort.com/locate/locate.html> or by calling the hotel.

Driving time between the Jackson International Airport and the hotel is approximately two hours. A limited amount of shuttle service will be available, only for conference attendees who submit their flight information with their conference registration forms by September 23, 2002. For more information, call the conference organizers at (850) 488-0730.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

Forum attendees who need to stay overnight are responsible for their own accommodations. To reserve a room, call (800) 557-0711 or (800) 922-9988 **as soon as possible**. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Accessibility Needs**

The forum meeting room and proceedings will be accessible to persons with disabilities. If you will need any materials or services to accommodate a disability, please notify the Forum Coordinator **by Tuesday, October 1**. We will make every effort to fulfill all requests, but there may be insufficient time to obtain materials and services requested after the deadline.

**Questions? E-mail [Forums@tadc.com](mailto:Forums@tadc.com) or call Patty Gaffney, the Forum Coordinator, at TATC Consulting, (202) 408-8282, x240.**

*The U.S. Department of Labor has contracted with TATC Consulting to provide logistical, note-taking, and facilitation services for the WIA Reauthorization Forums.*