EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210	CLASSIFICATION WIA Section 166 Indian and Native American Program
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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE LETTER NO. 23-05

TO: **ALL INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN GRANTEES**

FROM: **EMILY STOVER DeROCCO**
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: **Native American Employment and Training Council Nominations**

1. **Purpose.** To request Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 grantees to submit nominations for consideration by the Secretary of Labor for appointment to fill expiring terms of membership on the Native American Employment and Training Council (Council).

2. **Reference.** WIA, Section 166(h)(4).

3. **Background.** The current Council Charter was renewed for two years, effective June 2005. The charter provides for approximately 21 members appointed for two years by the Secretary of Labor. Appointments for the following fifteen (15) members will expire on August 23, 2006:

REGION I, NEW YORK
Darrell Waldron

REGION II, PHILADELPHIA
Anne Richardson

REGION III, ATLANTA
Elkton Richardson
Lorenda Sanchez

REGION IV, Dallas
Paul Austin
Patty Mink

RESCISSIONS: None	EXPIRATION DATE: April 14, 2006

REGION V, CHICAGO
Karen Kay

REGION VI, SAN FRANCISCO
Kay Kidder

ALASKA
Zack Brink
Bill Williams

OKLAHOMA
Jeff Foster

OTHER DISCIPLINE
Chris Benge
Henry Buffalo
Dollie Chauvin
Patty Mink

4. **Action.** The Secretary of Labor may consider nominations for appointment to the Council submitted by Section 166 grantees. All members listed above are still eligible for nomination. The Division of Indian and Native American Programs will accept nominations electronically submitted to brown.athena@dol.gov.

Section 166 grantees in Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, Alaska, and Oklahoma may submit nominations for vacancies or expiring memberships in their own areas only. The Department of Labor (the Department) will accept for consideration from all Section 166 grantees nominations to fill seats on the Council representing "Other Discipline" memberships. Indian tribes and Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian organizations that do not administer a Section 166 grant may also submit nominations. Self nominations will be considered and grantees participating in the "477" initiative are eligible for appointment to the Council.

In submitting nominations, grantees should consider the willingness of the nominee to attend and participate actively in Council meetings, serve on Council workgroups, and provide feedback to the grantee community. Communication between the Council member and his/her constituency is critical to the partnership between the Department and the Indian and Native American community. Please submit Council nominations on the attached form to:

Athena R. Brown
Chief
Division of Indian and Native American Programs
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room C-4311
Washington, D.C. 20210
ATTN: Council Desk

5. **Additional information.** The Employment and Training Administration's regions were consolidated in Program Year 2000. The changes do not affect the charter's requirements with respect to the number of Council members.

   All nominations must be submitted no later than **April 14, 2006 (U.S. Postmarked or electronically dated (e-mail)).**

6. **Inquiries.** Contact Athena Brown (Council's Designated Federal Official) at (202) 693-3737.

7. **Attachments.** Council Nomination Form.

NATIVE AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL

NOMINATION FORM

Please complete the nomination form and return to the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration, Division of Indian and Native American Programs postmarked no later than **April 14, 2006**.

NOMINEE'S NAME:

REGION I MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Region I grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

REGION II MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Region II grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

REGION III MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Region III grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

REGION IV MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Region IV grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

REGION V MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Region V grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

ALASKA MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Alaska grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

OKLAHOMA MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

(Only Oklahoma grantees and organizations may nominate for this position)

OTHER DISCIPLINE MEMBER: _____ **Term expires 08/23/06**

GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS: _____

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Mail to: ATHENA R. BROWN, Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4312, Washington, D.C. 20210. All nominations must be submitted no later than April 14, 2006, (U.S. Postmarked or electronically dated (e-mail)).