

2009 NEW MEXICO INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE CONFERENCE
"The Up Side of Down"
TRIBAL TRACT
Submitted by Rebecca Martinez, September 2009
(All Workshops are on Wednesday, October 28, 2009)

8:30-10:00 a.m.

New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Profile and Economic Development Assessment Tool

Presenter: Amber Carillo, American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Moderator: Rebecca Martinez, NM Indian Affairs Department

The presenter will describe a state-wide survey whereby all New Mexico tribes provided input. The outcomes of the survey include a profile of the status of each Tribe's or Chapter's essential infrastructure; a determination of whether the tribes may need to create or update their comprehensive infrastructure plans; an assessment of other funding and technical assistance available to support creation of such a plan; an assessment of each tribe's existing economic development conditions and readiness for economic development ventures; and an identification of assistance that can be provided by the State.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Emerging Economic Development Opportunities for New Mexico Tribes

Presenters: Marvis Aragon, Deputy Secretary, NM Indian Affairs Department

Ted Pedro, American Indian Chamber of Commerce

Moderator: Rebecca Martinez, NM Indian Affairs Department

This workshop is designed to help Native people achieve successful economic development by incorporating, strengthening and building upon Tribal values, while operating within the parameters of generally accepted business practices. The presenters will also discuss where the hubs are for economic development opportunities in tribal communities. This workshop will provide an overview of emerging industries in New Mexico as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the New Mexico Green Collaborative, Green Jobs initiative, Eco Tourism and other. The objective will be to describe how tribal businesses can participate.

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Tribal Infrastructure Development Resources

Presenters: Denman Ondelacy, P.E., Indian Health Service, Director of Sanitation Facilities Construction

Blanca Surgeon, Rural Development Specialist, Rural Community Assistance Corp.

Jana Amacher, Senior Program Administrator, New Mexico Finance Authority (not-confirmed)

Martha Torres, Director of Community Programs, US Department of Agriculture (not confirmed)

Ben Fletcher, Technical Assistance Coordinator, NM Indian Affairs Department

Moderator: Rebecca Martinez, NM Indian Affairs Department

How do tribal communities leverage available resources for infrastructure development projects? Learn the key to quality grantsmanship and ways tribal communities can build capacity to assure ongoing pursuit of funding for vital infrastructure development projects. This workshop will inform the audience about strategies to successfully plan, design and construct sanitation facilities to improve the health of Native American communities. RCAC will discuss their technical assistance program and interim financing which works well with USDA funding. Participants will also learn about the IAD resource guide that includes funding sources for tribal infrastructure planning and development.

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tribal Housing

Presenter: Joe Waters, Regional Housing Manager SW, Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Moderator: Rebecca Martinez, NM Indian Affairs Department

Many tribal housing entities continue to rely heavily if not exclusively on HUD NAHASDA funding to meet housing needs on tribal lands. The presentation will be to examine "how to" combine other available housing resources for 1) housing development single family, 2) housing development multifamily, 3) housing rehab owner occupied, 4) housing rehab rental property. The various funding programs that can be used for each housing category and tips for accessing each funding program will be provided.