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**SAIGE Announces Seventh Annual National Training Conference**

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The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a private, national nonprofit organization founded in 2001 to promote the recruitment, hiring, retention, development and advancement of American Indians and Alaska Natives in the government workforce, and to assist their respective agencies in fulfilling the Federal Trust Responsibility.

SAIGE will host its 7<sup>th</sup> annual training conference, "Walking in Two Worlds: Bridging the Gap Between Native America & Government," June 14-18, 2010 in Uncasville, CT, at the Mohegan Sun Hotel.

The 2010 Training Conference will focus on training designed to provide government employees, particularly those involved in the delivery of Native American services and programs, the education to reach their full potential. This training opportunity is open to all federal, state, tribal and local government employees. A discounted registration is offered to students, providing they have a valid student ID. Students age 18-25 are also urged to apply for a Youth Track Scholarship which would provide full funding to attend the conference.

We are pleased that Donald Chapman, Senior Advisor for Native American Affairs to the Secretary of Commerce, and Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs will be speaking. In addition Walter Echo-Hawk and Stephen Pevar, both experts in Federal Indian Law and Policy, will be addressing the conference concerning the Trust Responsibility, Treaty Rights and Native land ethic.

There is a wide range of workshop tracks including: Culture & Diversity; EEO and Human Resources; Health & Wellness; Indian Country; Natural Resources (Environmental); and Personal & Professional Development. In the Veterans' Track on Thursday, June 17, Robert Patrick, the Director of the Library of Congress Veterans' History Project, will be the keynote speaker. There will be opportunities for Native Veterans to tell their stories to the Veterans' History Project, and special presentations directed to career options for Veterans.

In conjunction with the conference, a Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, June 16th. It is free to the public and will have exhibit booths and staff available to discuss career opportunities from various businesses, federal and state agencies, and others.

The Office of Personnel Management has approved this training to be in compliance with 5 U.S.C. Chapter 41. For additional information, scholarship applications, and online registration please visit [www.saige.org](http://www.saige.org).

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