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Comptroller Eugene Ludwig To Address  
National Conference on Banking in Indian Country


"I am pleased to co-sponsor this forum with the Office of Tribal Justice to educate national banks, tribal representatives and others about opportunities to offer banking services and provide credit to residents of Indian reservations," said Comptroller Ludwig. "We are committed to helping Native Americans gain greater access to a variety of financial products and services."

The one-day conference will include sessions on:

- Operating in Indian Country: tribal sovereignty, trust land status, civil jurisdiction, and sovereign immunity;
- Community Issues: Community Reinvestment Act, fair lending laws, and community development;
- Home Mortgage Lending in Indian Country;
- Acquiring and Chartering Tribally-owned Financial Institutions; and
- Reaching the Nonbanked in Indian Country: micro-enterprise lending, customer education, and alternative delivery mechanisms.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel, at 999 Ninth Street N.W., Washington, D.C., and will be followed by a reception featuring table discussions, exhibits and Native American entertainment.

Conference registration is $75.00 per person. The conference agenda and a registration form accompany this release. For additional information about the conference or to inquire about exhibiting at the reception, please call (202) 874-3520, or visit the OCC's website at http://www.occ.treas.gov.

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U.S. Department of Justice and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency present a conference on Banking in Indian Country Expanding the Horizons Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC - July 24, 1997

Tentative Agenda

8:00           Registration/Continental breakfast
8:30      Opening Remarks    Comptroller Eugene A. Ludwig
9:00   10:00   Session One     Operating in Indian Country Addressing: tribal sovereignty, trust land status, civil jurisdiction, and sovereign immunity.
10:15   10:45  A Banker's Perspective
10:45   11:45  Session Two   Community Issues Addressing: Community Reinvestment Act, fair lending laws, and community development.
12:00   1:45   Luncheon Speaker    Attorney General Janet Reno (invited)
2:00   3:30         Session Three   Concurrent Panels Panel One -- Home Mortgage Lending in Indian Country Panel Two -- Acquiring/Chartering Tribally-owned Institutions
3:45   4:15         Chairman Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Senate Indian Affairs Committee (invited)
4:15   5:15         Session Four   Reaching the Nonbanked in Indian Country Addressing: micro-enterprise lending, customer education, and alternative delivery mechanisms.
5:30   7:30         Reception and Exhibits

REGISTRATION FORM   DOJ/OCC Conference on Banking in Indian Country July 24, 1997
Advance registration deadline is July 11, 1997

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