**Tribal Leaders Strategy Meeting on Priorities for 2017**

**Thursday, January 19, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Hyatt Regency Crystal City**

2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202

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**Purpose:** Many tribal leaders will be in Washington DC on January 20th to participate in Presidential inauguration activities, and meet with their Congressional delegations. It is an important political event every four years that reinforces the U.S. tradition of democracy.

The Trump-Pence Administration and 115th Congress offer key opportunities for tribal nations to strengthen federal policies, and tribal leaders are eager to engage with the new Administration and Congress to tackle a broad range of national, regional and tribal-specific issues. It is important that Indian Country comes together at this time of transition to forge and advance coherent and realistic strategies with this new Administration and Congress that address Indian Country’s most pressing concerns and priorities.

Our goal for this strategy session is to: facilitate dialogue among key Trump Administration officials, tribal leaders and partner organizations for the purpose of building a common understanding of the key policy opportunities and challenges that are anticipated in the upcoming Administration and a shared vision of how we can move Indian Country’s policy agenda forward. The following is a draft agenda for the session.

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**  
   *Brian Cladoosby, NCAI President*

2. **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN 2017: GETTING AHEAD OF THE GAME**  
   *Jacqueline Pata, NCAI Executive Director*

3. **DISCUSSIONS WITH TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TRANSITION TEAM AND REPRESENTATIVES**

4. **NETWORKING LUNCH PROVIDED**

5. **STRATEGIES FOR KEY PRIORITIES**  
   *Panel discussion with Native American Finance Officers Association, National American Indian Housing Council, National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Education Association, National Indian Gaming Association, National Indian Health Board*
   
   i. Affordable Care Act Repeal and Protection of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
   ii. Infrastructure Needs
   iii. Tax Opportunities
   iv. Education
   v. Economic Development

6. **CLOSING REMARKS**