

# 4TH TRIBAL LAND STAFF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

• Agenda Snapshot

## Monday, April 7, 2014

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Conference Registration**

## Tuesday, April 8, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast** (GRAND BALLROOM)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Exhibitor Hall Open** (GRAND BALLROOM)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Blessing and Welcome** (GRAND BALLROOM)

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Opening Plenary – Land Buy-Back Program** (GRAND BALLROOM)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Networking Lunch and NTLA Presentation** (GRAND BALLROOM)

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Intro to HEARTH Act and the New Leasing Regs (LITTLE CROW I/II)

Economic Development While Conserving and Protecting Mother Earth (Part 1 of 2) (WABASHA I/II)

Analyzing Tribal Allotments (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Networking Break – Snacks and Beverages** (GRAND BALLROOM)

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

How to Develop Your Own HEARTH Act Regulations and Leases (LITTLE CROW I/II)

Economic Development While Conserving and Protecting Mother Earth (Part 2 of 2) (SIGNUP TOUR)

Identifying Purchasing Priority Options for the Tribe (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Welcome Reception** (GRAND BALLROOM)

## Wednesday, April 9, 2014

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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ROWs and Easements (LITTLE CROW I/II)

Funding Options on Tribal Lands (Part 1 of 2) (WABASHA I/II)

Cooperative Agreements for the Buy-Back Program (Part 1 of 2) (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

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How to Successfully Work with the BIA (LITTLE CROW I/II)

Funding Options on Tribal Lands (Part 2 of 2) (WABASHA I/II)

Cooperative Agreements for the Buy-Back Program (Part 2 of 2) (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on Your Own**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Intro to NEPA (LITTLE CROW I/II)

How to Establish a Title Office (WABASHA I/II)

Offer Packet Documents, Notification and Timeline of Buy-Back Program (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

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Surveys & Legal Descriptions (LITTLE CROW I/II)

Processing a Fee-to-Trust Transaction (WABASHA I/II)

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ArcGIS and Mapping (Part 1 of 2) (WABASHA I/II)

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Legislative Updates (LITTLE CROW I/II)

ArcGIS and Mapping (Part 2 of 2) (WABASHA I/II)

Understanding Estate Planning and Probate (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

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**Networking Lunch, Raffle and Closing Plenary** (GRAND BALLROOM)

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## Tuesday, April 8, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Exhibitors (GRAND BALLROOM)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ♦ Blessing and Welcome (GRAND BALLROOM)

Charlie Vig, Chairman, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

### 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ♦ OPENING PLENARY SESSION (GRAND BALLROOM)

“Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Lands”—The opening plenary will cover the history of the Land Buy-Back Program: where we are today and how we got here; and an update on the education/scholarship component and how it applies to the tribes.

Presenters: John McClanahan, Program Manager, Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, DOI  
Larry Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary, DOI

### 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ♦ Networking Lunch and NTLA Presentation (GRAND BALLROOM)

### 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ♦ SESSION I (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

#### Introduction to the HEARTH Act and the New Leasing Regulations (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This lecture session will provide an overview of the HEARTH Act which may affect leasing regulations on tribal lands as well as updates to the 25 CFR Part 162 Leasing Regulations.

Presenter: Kayla Danks, Realty Officer, Midwest Region, BIA

#### Economic Development While Conserving and Protecting Mother Earth (WABASHA I/II)

(Part 1 of 2) The Dakota way is to plan for the seventh generation to make sure that resources will be available in the future to sustain life for seven generations to come. This expanded session will be hosted by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and will include a discussion on economic development while protecting the environment.

Presenter: Stan Ellison, Land Manager, DNR, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

#### Analyzing Tribal Allotments (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

This session will address the Land Buy-Back Program and will focus on tribal land allotments, tools that will be available to tribal land staff and how to prepare for and address these issues in preparation for implementation.

Presenter: Daniel Ontiveros, Fiduciary Trust Manager - Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management

### 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ♦ Networking Break (SNACKS AND BEVERAGES - GRAND BALLROOM)

### 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. ♦ SESSION II (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)

#### How to Develop Your Own HEARTH Act Regulations and Leases (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This working session will further discuss the HEARTH Act as well as provide participants with a hands-on experience in writing their own regulations and leases in accordance with the HEARTH Act.

Presenters: Bryan Van Stippen, Tribal Attorney, Ho-Chunk Nation  
Matthew Carriaga, Register of Deeds, Ho-Chunk Nation

## Economic Development While Conserving and Protecting Mother Earth (SIGNUP TOUR)

(Part 2 of 2) During the second part of this two-part session, hosted by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, the discussion continues on environmentally-friendly economic development with a tour of Mdewakanton facilities—the tour is available to the first 40 people to sign up.

Presenter: Stan Ellison, Land Manager, DNR, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

## Identifying Purchasing Priority Options for the Tribe (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

Tribes involved in the Land Buy-Back Program need to identify their purchasing priorities in the RFP submitted to the Department of the Interior. This session will talk about the ways of looking at potential properties and defining criteria to help identify the top priorities the tribe seeks to address.

Presenter: Lisa Johnson, Director of Real Estate, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** ♦ **Welcome Reception** (COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS - GRAND BALLROOM Included in registration)

# Wednesday, April 9, 2014

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** ♦ **Exhibitors** (GRAND BALLROOM)

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** ♦ **SESSION III (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## ROWs and Easements (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This roundtable discussion will cover how tribal land staff process easements and rights of ways internally for the purpose of tribally-owned roads, pipelines, utilities and ingress/egress that benefit the tribe and tribal members.

Presenter: Sara K. Van Norman, Attorney, The Jacobson Law Group

## Funding Options on Tribal Lands (WABASHA I/II)

(Part 1 of 2) There are many federal entities that provide funding for tribes. This two-part session will bring together a panel of experts who will discuss USDA programs, CDFIs, Section 184, Title 6 and other funding possibilities for tribal projects.

Presenters: Chris Beyerhelm, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, USDA  
Tedd Buelow, Native American Coordinator, USDA Rural Development  
Kevin Fitzgibbons, Principal, Fitzgibbons and Associates  
Cindy Koonce, VP, Mortgage Banking Supervisor, Woodlands National Bank  
Joanne Whiterabbit, VP, Community Development, Woodlands National Bank

## Cooperative Agreements for the Buy-Back Program (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

(Part 1 of 2) Preparing a cooperative agreement that is in a tribe's best interest is a very important component of participating in the Land Buy-Back Program. This session will address the components to consider when drafting the cooperative agreement with the Department of Interior.

Presenter: Anthony "Morgan" Rodman, Senior Advisor Tribal Relations, Land Buy-Back Program, BIA

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** ♦ **Networking Break** (SNACKS AND BEVERAGES - GRAND BALLROOM)

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** ♦ **SESSION IV (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## How to Successfully Work with the BIA (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This roundtable discussion will share best practices and strategies in working with a BIA office.

Presenter: Pam VandeVenter, Real Estate Services, Great Lakes Agency, BIA

## Funding Options on Tribal Lands (WABASHA I/II)

(Part 2 of 2) Part two of this two-part session continues the panel discussion on USDA programs, CDFIs, Section 184, Title 6 and other funding opportunities for tribal projects.

Presenters: **Chris Beyerhelm**, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, USDA  
**Tedd Buelow**, Native American Coordinator, USDA Rural Development  
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## Cooperative Agreements for the Buy-Back Program (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

(Part 2 of 2) The second part of this two-part session will continue to examine the components to consider when drafting a cooperative agreement with the Department of Interior.

Presenter: **Anthony “Morgan” Rodman**, Senior Advisor Tribal Relations, Land Buy-Back Program, BIA

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** ♦ **Lunch on Your Own**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** ♦ **SESSION V (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## Intro to NEPA (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This session will provide participants with the basics of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and how it will affect a tribe’s environmentally-sensitive projects. Discussion will include reviewing actual examples of an Environmental Assessment, Biological Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement and a Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Presenter: **Bruno Zagar**, Environmental Specialist, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

## How to Establish a Title Office (WABASHA I/II)

This session will provide participants with an overview of what a land title office is and how to build or create your own Land Title Records Office.

Presenter: **Quentin Michael Jones**, Retired Chief, Division of Land Titles and Records, BIA

## Offer Packet Documents, Notification and Timeline of Buy-Back Program (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

The Land Buy-Back Program’s Offer Packet has a direct impact on how successful a tribe will be in achieving their priority land purchases. Given that time is of the essence once notification goes out from the BIA, this session will address how tribes can work with the BIA and their landowners to assure the best interests of all stakeholders are met.

Presenter: **Lorna Babby**, Deputy Director, Land Buy-Back Program, BIA

**2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.** ♦ **Networking Break** (SNACKS AND BEVERAGES - GRAND BALLROOM)

**2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** ♦ **SESSION VI (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## Intro to Realty (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This roundtable session will provide participants with an introduction to a tribal realty program and its role in tribal governments. Participants will share information on land status, definitions, how to read legal descriptions and provide examples of working documents.

Presenters: **Lisa Johnson**, Director of Real Estate, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe  
**Karen Woodard**, Realty Administrator, Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
**Germaine Ewing**, Lands Division Manager, Southern Ute Indian Tribe



## Intro to Fee-to-Trust (WABASHA I/II)

This session will provide a basic overview of the fee-to-trust process. It is geared toward individuals who may have limited knowledge of the fee-to-trust process and federal regulations that affect the fee-to-trust process.

Presenter: **Rebecca Webster**, Senior Staff Attorney, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

## Working with Landowners—Effective Outreach Methods (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

(Part 1 of 2) In order for the tribe to successfully consolidate reservation lands, individual landowners need to understand the Offer Packet materials and what their options are in the Land Buy-Back Program. This session will cover effective and ineffective outreach methods as tribes work with undivided interest landowners.

Presenters: **Denise Mesteth**, Director, Land Office, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
**Lorna Babby**, Deputy Director, Land Buy-Back Program, BIA

**3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** ♦ **Break**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** ♦ **SESSION VII (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## Surveys & Legal Descriptions (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This session will provide participants with a basic understanding of the different types of surveys and how to read a survey plat, legal descriptions and more.

Presenter: **Brian D. Anderson**, Attorney, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, S.C.

## Processing a Fee-to-Trust Transaction (WABASHA I/II)

This roundtable session will provide participants with an opportunity to work step by step through the fee-to-trust process.

Presenter: **Joseph Halloran**, Attorney, The Jacobson Law Group

## Working with Landowners—Effective Outreach Methods (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

(Part 2 of 2) Part two of this two-part session continues to examine the Offer Packet materials, options in the Land Buy-Back Program and effective and ineffective outreach methods as tribes work with undivided interest landowners to successfully consolidate reservation lands.

Presenters: **Denise Mesteth**, Director, Land Office, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
**Lorna Babby**, Deputy Director, Land Buy-Back Program, BIA

# Thursday, April 10, 2014

**8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** ♦ **Exhibition Hall Open**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** ♦ **SESSION VIII (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## Water Rights on Tribal Lands (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This session will provide an overview of tribal water rights and their importance to tribal sovereignty.

Presenter: **Alice Walker**, Managing Partner, McElroy, Meyer, Walker & Condon, P.C.

## ArcGIS and Mapping (WABASHA I/II)

(Part 1 of 2) Many tribes utilize the ArcGIS software. This session will demonstrate its usefulness for many tribal functions including rights of way, land status, addressing, law enforcement, water application rights and other land-management functions.

Presenters: **Margaret Gregory**, Technical Consultant, Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.  
**Frank Harjo**, Executive Board Member, National Tribal Geospatial Information Support Center

## Appraisals (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

The Land Buy-Back Program will be using mass appraisals unless an individual appraisal is justified. This session will speak to the appraisal process in relation to the Land Buy-Back Program with a focus on when an individual appraisal is justified, what to request in the appraisal and other valuable information.

Presenter: **Iris Crisman**, Deputy Director, Office of Appraisal Services, Land Buy-Back Program, BIA

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** ♦ **Networking Break** (SNACKS AND BEVERAGES - GRAND BALLROOM)

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** ♦ **SESSION IX (CONCURRENT SESSIONS)**

## Legislative Updates (LITTLE CROW I/II)

This yearly session provides land staff with up-to-date legislation, policies, regulations and court cases to stay current with issues affecting their tribe and tribal members.

Presenters: **Lenor A. Scheffler**, Attorney, Best & Flanagan  
**Sauna L. Coons**, Attorney, Best & Flanagan

## ArcGIS and Mapping (WABASHA I/II)

(Part 2 of 2) The second part of this two-part session will continue to review ArcGIS software and its usefulness in various tribal land-management functions.

Presenters: **Margaret Gregory**, Technical Consultant, Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.  
**Frank Harjo**, Executive Board Member, National Tribal Geospatial Information Support Center

## Understanding Estate Planning and Probate (DAKOTA BALLROOM)

The long-term success of the Land Buy-Back Program includes an estate-planning component. This session will address relevant issues every tribe needs to consider when incorporating estate-planning services into the process.

Presenter: **Jim James**, Regional Trust Administrator, Office of the Special Trustee

**12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** ♦ **Networking Lunch, Raffle and Closing Plenary** (GRAND BALLROOM)

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