TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

NO. 17-09 DATE November 30, 2009

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TO: ALL INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN GRANTEES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/

Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Native American Employment and Training Council Call

for Nominations

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To request Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 grantees to submit nominations for consideration by Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, for appointment to fill expiring terms of membership on the Native American Employment and Training Council (Council).
- **2. Reference**. WIA, Section 166 (h)(4) and 41 CFR §102-3.30 (c).
- **3.** <u>Background.</u> The current Council Charter was renewed for two years, effective July 22, 2009. The charter provides for approximately 21 members appointed for two years by the Secretary of Labor (Secretary). Appointments shall remain effective until a replacement is designated by the Secretary in writing.

In this time of economic distress, the Secretary is seeking tribal nominations in the areas of secondary and postsecondary education, health care, economic development, and "green jobs" to join the Council and provide expertise on the WIA Indian and Native American Programs. The Secretary is also seeking representatives for Regions II, Philadelphia (includes DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) and Region V, Chicago (includes IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI). Appointments for the following seven members will expire on December 18, 2009:

REGION I, BOSTON (includes CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, and VT)

Ms. Janice Falcone

REGION III, ATLANTA (includes AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN):

Kimberly Lambert

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210

NATIVE HAWAIIAN REPRESENTATIVE:

Winona Whitman

OTHER DISCIPLINE:

Mr. Steven Denson Mr. Urban Giff Dr. M.J. Longley Ms. Charlanne Quinto

In reference to the Other Discipline memberships, the Federal Advisory Committee Act regulations at 41 C.F.R.§102-3.30 (c), requires advisory committees to have a balanced membership, in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Factors to be considered in achieving such a membership depends upon several elements, including the vision and mission of the Secretary. Prospective nominees may represent various areas of expertise such as, technical experts (e.g. "green jobs"), education (includes Tribal Colleges), health care, elected tribal leaders, business, or other sectors. These individuals, as are all members of the Council, must be representative of Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indiancontrolled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations. In nominating Other Discipline representatives, the factors described above must be considered.

4. Action. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for a two year term designated by the Secretary in writing. The Secretary may consider nominations for appointment to the Council as submitted by the grantee or tribal communities. All members listed above are still eligible for nomination. The Indian and Native American Program will accept nominations electronically submitted to the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Evangeline M. Campbell, at campbell.evangeline@dol.gov or by fax at (202) 693-3817. Please include a biography and resume of the nominee along with the form. In addition, include the name and telephone number of the individual who is submitting the individual for nomination. This information may also be mailed to:

U.S. Department of Labor Indian and Native American Program Employment and Training Administration 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room S-4209 Washington, D.C. 20210

Attention: Mrs. Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO

Phone: (202) 693-3737

All nominations must be submitted (U.S. Postmarked or electronically dated (E-mail or faxed) no later than 31 calendar days, excluding any Federal holidays, from the date of this notice. Submit Council nominations on the attached form and include a signed acceptance form from the nominee. The nomination package may also be sent by commercial carrier to the above address.

Grantee (including those designated as Public Law 102-477) representatives in Regions I, II, III, V, and Hawaii may submit nominations for memberships in their areas only. The Department of Labor (the Department) will accept nominations from all grantees to fill seats on the Council representing "Other Discipline" memberships. Indian tribes and Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian organizations that do not administer a Section 166 grant may also submit nominations. Public Law 102-477 grantees and tribal officials are eligible for appointment to the Council. Self-nominations will be accepted.

In submitting nominations, consider the availability of the nominee to attend and actively participate in Council meetings (a minimum of two meetings annually), serve on Council workgroups, and provide feedback to the grantee community. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation and shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 166 (h)(4)(D)(ii) of WIA. Communication between the Council member and his or her constituency is essential to the partnership between the Department and the Indian and Native American community

- **5.** <u>Inquiries</u>. Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO, at (202) 693-3737.
- **6.** <u>Attachments</u>. Council Nomination Form Nomination Acceptance Form