

33rd Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference  
November 28-30, 2023 | Anchorage, Alaska

## Opening Session

Location: Tikahtnu A/B

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

8:00 a.m. **Doors Open**

8:30 a.m. **Energizer**

*Naaqtuuq*

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**

*Heidi Olson, Program Analyst  
Joseph Sparaga, Supervisory Regional  
Archaeologist*

**Posting of Colors**

*West High School AFJROTC*

**Opening Prayer**

*Marlene Watson, Civil Engineer*

**Land Recognition**

*Aaron Leggett, President,  
Eklutna Native Village*

**National Anthem**

*Yugtun Choir, Alaska Native Cultural  
Charter School*

**Welcome Addresses**

*Dave Bronson, Mayor, Municipality of  
Anchorage*

*Michelle Watchman, Deputy Regional  
Director –Native Services,  
Alaska Region*

*Bart Stevens, Deputy Bureau Director –  
Field Operations*

*Introducing New Alaska Regional Director*

*Willie Nunn, Administrator,  
FEMA Region 10*

10:15 a.m. **Update from FEMA**

*Senator Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senate*

10:30 a.m. **Congressional Updates**

*Senator Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senate*

*Representative Mary Peltola,*

*U.S. House of Representatives*

10:45 a.m. **Dance Performance**

*Yup'ik Rainbow Dancers*

11:15 a.m. **Update from U.S. Census  
Bureau**

*Robert L. Santos, Director,*

*U.S. Census Bureau*

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11:25 a.m.	<b>U.S. Supreme Court Decision on the Indian Child Welfare Act: The Impact on Tribal Sovereignty</b>	<i>Erin Daughtery-Lynch, Native American Rights Fund</i>
11:35 a.m.	<b>Implementation of 105(l) Leases</b>	<i>Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary-Management</i>
11:40 a.m.	<b>Update from IA Division of Workforce Development</b>	
11:45 a.m.	<b>Federal Government's Pilot to Improve Tribal Customer Experience with Performance Reporting</b>	<i>Jennifer Parisien, Office of Tribal &amp; Native Affairs. U.S. Department of the Treasury</i>
11:55 a.m.	<b>Seattle Support Center</b>	<i>Barb Shaw</i>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Break for Lunch</b>	