

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

INDIAN AFFAIRS LOAN GUARANTEE

Location: Tubughnenq 4

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Helping Guarantee the Future of Indian Country The Division of Capital Investment manages the Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program which breaks through the conventional barriers to financing for tribes and individual Indians. The loan guarantee program helps facilitate loan financing for borrowers that would not be able to do so otherwise. <i>Jennifer Cesar Alaska Zone Manager, ASIA DCI</i></p> <p>The Division of Economic Development (DED). DED administers competitive grants to support Native entrepreneurs, broadband deployment, business development feasibility studies, tourism development feasibility studies, and the documentation and revitalization of tribal language that are at risk of disappearing. <i>Dennis Wilson and Rebekah Horsechief</i></p>
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<p>Fighting Fraud:101 Financial Awareness First Nations Development Institute improves economic conditions for Native Americans through direct financial grants, technical assistance & training, and advocacy & policy. <i>Shawn Spruce, Program Consultant, First Nations Development Institute</i></p>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Afternoon Break</p>
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p>Cook Inlet Lending: A Partnership Approach to Growing Small Business Services for Alaska Native & American Indian Entrepreneurs <i>LeeAnn Garrick, CITC Chief Operating Officer</i></p>

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Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	USDA Rural Development USDA Rural Development offers grants and low interest loan programs to help communities, non-profits, and businesses save energy, operate more sustainably, and build on years of traditional knowledge. State Director Julia Hnilicka will share how new programs can help Alaskans recover from disasters, add value to regenerative economies, and help achieve food sovereignty. She and program directors will also be available to answers questions as needed. <i>Julie Hnilicka, State Director</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) Help for Government Contracting: Your local PTAC is dedicated to helping businesses succeed in public sector marketplaces. Funded, in part, by the US Department of Defense, the PTACs provide no-cost advising on all aspects of selling to the federal, state, and local governments. <i>Carolyn Pratt, Program Manager</i> <i>Jody King, Contract Specialist</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Helping Guarantee the Future of Indian County The Division of Capital Investment manages the Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program which breaks through the conventional barriers to financing for tribes and individual Indians. The loan guarantee program helps facilitate loan financing for borrowers that would not be able to do so otherwise. <i>Jennifer Cesar, Alaska Zone Manager</i> The Division of Economic Development (DED) DED administers competitive grants to support Native entrepreneurs, broadband deployment, business development feasibility studies, tourism development feasibility studies, and the documentation and revitalization of tribal language that are at risk of disappearing. <i>Dennis Wilson and Rebekah Horsechief</i>
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9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade (ITA) ITA works to improve the global business environment and helps U.S. organizations compete at home and abroad. <i>Debbie Franklyn, Office Director</i>

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3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Small Business Administration Discussion on the SBA services including funding programs, counseling, federal contracting certifications, and disaster recovery. We can also connect you to our partner organizations, lenders, and other community groups that help small businesses succeed. <i>Ross Macarty, Outreach Marketing Specialist</i>