



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
WASHINGTON DC 20420

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Dear Tribal Leader:

On April 24-26, 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations will host the 1st Southwest Region Summit for tribal leaders, Veterans and Veteran Service providers in Albuquerque, NM. The summit provides an opportunity to interact with and hear updates from VA leadership and subject matter experts, share best practices and network with others who are serving Veterans in Indian Country.

A draft copy of the agenda is attached. A block of rooms has been reserved under "VA Tribal Meeting" at the Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque, NM. Room rates are \$81 for single occupancy and \$101 for double occupancy, with 13% applicable state and local taxes. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 325-3535 or reserve online on the Hotel's website:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1202276426&key=16F4B>

Reservations must be made by 5:00pm on Monday, April 2, 2012.

For more information about the VA and the Office of Tribal Government Relations, please visit our website at: www.va.gov/tribalgovernment. If you have questions regarding the upcoming summit, please contact Thomas Bird Bear, Southwest Region Tribal Government Relations Specialist at (505) 346-4857 or email: thomas.birdbear@va.gov

Respectfully,

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Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations

Enclosures