1st Annual Forum on Land Into Trust Process

U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Thursday, April 30, 2009
National Indian Program Training Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:00-8:30 am **Sign-In. Light refreshments provided.**

8:30-8:45 am **Opening Prayer-Tribal Leader**

Welcome Remarks
William Tandy Walker-Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Southwest Region

Purpose of Meeting and Introductions
Vicki Forrest- Deputy Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Helen B. Padilla-Director, American Indian Law Center, Inc.

8:45-10:00 am **Overview: Development of the Handbook**
Kevin Bearquiver-Acting Deputy Secretary & Fee-To-Trust Expert, Bureau of Indian Affairs

10:00-10:15 am **Break**

10:15-12:00 pm **Discussion of Handbook**
- What's working, what's not working?
- How can the fee-to-trust tracking system best address the needs of BIA and tribal staff?
- How can the application process address a checklist, timelines, and what constitutes a complete application?

12:00-1:30 pm **Lunch On Your Own**

1:30-3:00 pm **Continue Discussion of Handbook**
- How can the Handbook address common issues that arise during the completion of environmental documents?
- How should the Handbook address emerging policy positions that impact the fee-to-trust process?

3:00-3:15pm **Break**

3:15-4:30 pm **Next Steps and Closing Remarks**
Vicki Forrest and Helen B. Padilla

Closing Prayer-Tribal Leader