

## **Being Your Own Lobbyist: Tips for Navigating the Federal Government and Best Practices in Securing State Appropriations**

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Don't believe the myth that you're powerless without a pricey lobbyist. While lobbyists can serve as your eyes and ears, state and federal policymakers prefer to hear directly from tribal officials. By learning the landscape, you can become your own best advocate -to meet your tribal infrastructure needs, access available government resources, and advance key policy initiatives. This session will present best practices to plan, design, and construct infrastructure projects with the help of state appropriations. Panelists will also share information to help you navigate the U.S. Congress and the Administration to improve the impact of your outreach to federal policymakers.