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Department of
Agriculture**

Office of the
Secretary

Office of Tribal
Relations

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Dear Tribal Leader:

Hihanni waste, greetings. On behalf of the Secretary, you are cordially invited by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in an upcoming Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) consultation with the Tribal Leaders Consultation Working Group (TLCWG) on FDPIR.

Details for the consultations are:

Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. ET – 5:00 p.m. ET

Virtual Link: [Consultation Zoom Link](#)

Call-In Line: Meeting ID: 160 150 5511

Passcode: Tribal

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Proxies. In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please notify the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) by Monday August 9, 2021. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached delegation form to tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will attend in your place and the estimated time of your absence. The delegation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to bring program leadership and staff from your nation to the tribal consultation as observers.

Registration. Please register with OTR by Monday August 9, 2021 by sending the following information to Tribal.Relations@usda.gov.

1. Name
2. Tribe/Organization
3. Consulting official (Y/N)?
4. Email Address
5. Phone Number

Please also contact us at Tribal.Relations@usda.gov if you have any items for the agenda. Once finalized, the agenda and registration information will be posted on the OTR website at: www.usda.gov/tribalrelations. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to joining you on August 11, 2021.

Lila wopila (much thanks),

Heather Dawn Thompson (*Cheyenne River Sioux*)
Director, Office of Tribal Relations



Attachments (1):

1. Tribal Leader Proxy Template