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Under Secretary

Food, Nutrition,  
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Independence  
Avenue, SW

Washington, DC  
20250-9600

January 18, 2024

Dear Tribal Leader:

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 FDPIR Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group. This consultation will be held in person with a virtual option for attendance at USDA's National Office in Washington, D.C. Deputy Under Secretary Stacy Dean will be the USDA consulting official.

**Registration.** All attendees, including those attending in person, must register. Please use the registration link below to kindly register by February 15, 2024.

**Registration Link.**

[https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfuqqrT0vGiBlblRn6\\_PEG3J08QvqxBY](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfuqqrT0vGiBlblRn6_PEG3J08QvqxBY)

**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time

**Location:** U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250  
Room: TBD

**Agenda.** Updated information, including a final agenda, handouts, and meeting room details, will be posted on USDA's Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) website. Please visit: <https://www.usda.gov/tribalrelations/tribal-consultations>.

**Proxies.** In the event you cannot attend and wish to send a proxy, please use the attached proxy designation form and notify Natalie Christopherson of the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) by Thursday, February 15, 2024. To designate a proxy for this meeting, please copy the attached designation 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 designation cannot be in perpetuity. You are also encouraged to bring program leadership and staff from your Nation to the Tribal consultation as observers.

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Please contact Barbara Lopez of the USDA FNS by email at [Barbara.Lopez@usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.Lopez@usda.gov) if you have any items for the agenda. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to joining you.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Chandran', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kumar Chandran  
Acting Under Secretary  
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Attachments (2):

FDPIR February 2024 Consultation Proxy Designation Form / Letter Template  
Tribal Leaders Consultation Work Group on FDPIR Draft Agenda for February 16, 2024