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Financial Literacy Training Scheduled for the Standing Rock Reservation Area

Training is a Cooperative Effort of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and First Nations Development Institute

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) in cooperation with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the First Nations Development Institute will offer financial and entrepreneurial training between March 31 and April 2, 2009. The sessions are open to local people interested in improving their personal financial skills and setting financial goals, or building a business.

“This is the second series of financial training offered in the Great Plains region” said Ed Grant, OST’s fiduciary trust officer on the Standing Rock Reservation. “When the first workshops were held in September at the Fort Berthold Agency, we received feedback that everyone, not just tribal members on the reservations, could use training like this.”

Workshops are scheduled for:

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| March 31, 2009 | 9:00 a.m. to Noon | Prairie Knights Casino, Ft. Yates, North Dakota |
| March 31, 2009 | 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Administrative Service Center, Fort Yates, North Dakota |
| April 1, 2009 | 9:00 a.m. to Noon | Grand River Casino, Mobridge, South Dakota |
| April 1, 2009 | 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Satellite Entrepreneurial Center, McLaughlin, South Dakota |
| April 2, 2009 | 9:00 a.m. to Noon | Entrepreneurial Center, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates, North Dakota |

Presenters for this series include staff from the Sitting Bull College, who will explain the college’s new multi-week curriculum for entrepreneurs, and First Nations’ Shawn Spruce, a certified financial literacy trainer. The First Nations Development Institute is a Native nonprofit organization that has created financial training materials suitable for individuals at all levels of experience.

For more information about the Standing Rock schedule and training, please call OST's Fiduciary Trust Officer Ed Grant, Standing Rock Agency, at 1-701-854-3419 or OST's Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC), toll free, at 1-888-678-6836. The TBCC operates six days a week—Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Mountain Time.

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