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OST and Four Bands Community Fund Will Present Financial Skills Training to Employees of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe has again invited the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) to provide financial skills training. Game, Fish and Parks Department employees of the tribe and teachers and employees of the Bureau of Indian Education will take the training on November 5-6.

"Budgeting, investing, planning for the future and wise use of credit are skills that enhance the financial security of individuals," said Acting Special Trustee Donna Erwin. "OST is pleased to help ensure tribal members and those who work with tribes have the financial skills they need."

OST will partner with Four Bands Community Fund, a Native community development financial institution based in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, to present the training. Four Bands' mission is to assist entrepreneurs of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation with training, business incubation and access to capital to encourage economic development and enhance the quality of life for all communities and residents of the reservation.

This training opportunity follows a previous session held October 20–22 for program managers of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The success of that event resulted in requests for additional training for tribal employees.

For information about the schedule and the training, call OST Fiduciary Trust Officer Jim Cordry, Rosebud Agency, at 605-856-4965 or Cora Mae Haskell, business and finance trainer with Four Bands Community Fund, at 605-964-3687. OST's Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) can be contacted, toll free, at 1-888-678-6836. TBCC operates Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, Mountain time.

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