Background and Purpose: Land is one of Indian Country’s most basic and important resources. Accurate land data and efficient processing of land records are required for effective land use and planning. This one-day workshop will focus on the quality and availability of land records, the business processes associated with managing and sharing this information, and the role of land status in economic development. We will seek to identify improvements in how land records are collected, processed, and disseminated to support residential and commercial development on reservations.

The Workshop is being held in conjunction with the Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC) and is cosponsored by the Department of the Interior and the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. The Workshop is part of a series organized around American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) data critical for economic development. The Workshop will identify AIAN land data gaps, data quality and availability issues, and options for improving the availability and processing of land information.

Free Workshop Registration: [https://minneapolised.org/indiancountry/events/all-events/homeownership-in-indian-country](https://minneapolised.org/indiancountry/events/all-events/homeownership-in-indian-country)

Participants: Tribal, federal, and other organizations and individuals knowledgeable about AIAN land issues and the role of land data in promoting AIAN business and homeownership.

Outcomes/Deliverables: A report identifying Indian Country land data gaps, data quality/availability issues, and options for improvement.

8:00 AM Opening Prayer

8:10 AM Welcome. Timothy LaPointe, Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Neel Kashkari, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

8:30 AM Agenda Review and Approach to Presentations. Sarah Palmer, Facilitator
8:35 AM  Panel 1: Why is land data critical to Indian business and home ownership?
- Timothy LaPointe, Midwest Regional Director, BIA
- Richard Todd, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- Joe Garcia, Head Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh
- Cris Stainbrook, President, Indian Land Tenure Foundation

9:35 AM  Q & As

9:45 AM  BREAK

9:55 AM  Panel 2: What land data are needed to support the leasing process on trust lands?
- Nancy Appleby, Attorney, Appleby Law PLLC (moderator and speaker)
- Sharlene Round Face, Division Chief, BIA Realty Services
- Deanna Lucero, Senior Loan Guarantee Specialist, Office of Loan Guarantee, Housing and Urban Development
- Juel Burnette, Branch Manager, 1st Tribal Lending
- Tedd Buelow, National Native American Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Beth Wenstrom, Chief, BIA Land Titles and Records

10:55 AM  Q & As

11:05 AM  Panel 3: What are the challenges to improving the quality of and access to land records?
- Michele Hensel, BIA Northwest Region Land Titles and Records
- Bob Gauthier, Administrative Director, United Native American Housing Association
- Tanya Krueger, Housing and Urban Development 184 Mortgage Loan Officer, Bay Bank

12:05 PM  Q & As

12:15 PM  Lunch (on your own)
1:00 PM  **Group Interactive Session** (Leaders: Benjamin Simon, Chief Economist, Department of the Interior and Sarah Palmer)

2:45 PM  **Break**

3:00 PM  **Panel 4: Tribal innovations and solutions to data issues**
  
  **Moderator:** Miriam Jorgensen, Research Director, Native Nations Institute
  
- Matthew Carriaga, Ho-Chunk Nation
- Jason Adams, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Kevin Blaser, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Jacqueline Pata, National Congress of American Indians

4:45 PM  **Closing Thoughts & Comments:** Patrice Kunesh, Director, Center for Indian Country Development of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Benjamin Simon, Chief Economist, Department of the Interior

5:00 PM  **Adjourn**