



Rebuilding
Communities
Through Indian
Self-Reliance

Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Deana Jackson
(202) 579-5427
djackson@indiangaming.org

NIGA UNVEILS "NEW IN 09" AGENDA FOR INDIAN GAMING TRADE SHOW AND CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. FEBRUARY 13, 2009 - The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) has announced its full-scale agenda, slated as "New in 09", for the 2009 Indian Gaming Trade Show and Convention. This year's convention is set to take place in Phoenix, Arizona, the "Valley of the Sun", from April 13 - 16, 2009, at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Indian Gaming '09 brings together the largest number of Tribal Leaders and industry professionals and serves as the leading event in the Indian Gaming industry.

The "New in '09" agenda introduces a number of new events and workshops. New NIGA trainings will include: Level One Commissioner Certification Training, Private Sector Counterterrorism Awareness held in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, as well as "Responding to the Recession" training track. Trainings will be offered at basic and advanced levels for a more customized training experience.

The Indian Gaming '09 Trade Show will showcase over 500 exhibitors and organizations within the Indian Gaming industry as well as Native Arts and Crafts vendors.

The Indian Gaming '09 agenda also features several awards presentations such as the Chairman's Leadership Awards Luncheon and the Wendell Chino Humanitarian Awards Banquet. Convention attendees will be entertained by music legend Gladys Knight at the "Jam on the Rez" event, sponsored by Gila River Casinos, and Native artist Crystal Shawanda at the NIGA Chairman's Welcome Reception.

###

About the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)

The National Indian Gaming Association is a nonprofit trade association comprised of 184 American Indian Nations and other nonvoting associate member. The mission of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian people – economically, socially and politically. NIGA operates as a clearinghouse and educational legislative and public policy resources for tribes, policymakers and the public on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development. For more information, visit www.indiangaming.org

