

- Interviewees were supportive of negotiating to improve the fairness, efficiency and transparency of the funding formulas for all aspects of school facilities funding

- There is a need to integrate the formal negotiation with less formal methods of consulting with the tribes who will not have seats at the table. CBI suggests a national workshop for all tribes with school facilities as part of the preparation for the negotiation process. This workshop could help identify options for the negotiating committee to work with.

- Representation of the tribes on the negotiating committee is required by the NCLB Act to be roughly proportional to the percent of students each tribe has in the system. For the majority of tribes (i.e. beyond the top eleven for student population), there will need to be a process for sharing seats or otherwise developing representation structures.

The draft convening report may be accessed at <http://www.cbuiding.org> and at <http://www.ecr.gov>. This notice invites interested individuals, organizations and governments to review and offer comments that focus on the findings and recommendations presented draft convening report.

**DATES:** Please submit comments on or before December 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

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Attn: BIE Convening Draft Report Comment, 238 Main Street, Suite 400, Cambridge, MA 02142.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB Act) requires the Department of the Interior to use procedures set out in the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-320, Section 563 when

developing regulations to implement the NCLB Act's provisions regarding schools operated or funded by the BIA. BIA has used negotiated rulemaking to address six (6) of the seven (7) regulations required under the NCLB Act. DOI and BIA want to assess the feasibility of using the negotiated rulemaking process to develop the final rule, dealing with school construction and repair.

In the fall of 2006 DOI sought assistance with this effort from the U.S. Institute, an independent impartial government entity with expertise in convening, assessment and alternative dispute resolution processes. In accordance with its statutory authority, the 1998 Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act (Pub. L. 105-156, codified at 20 U.S.C. 5601 et seq.), the U.S. Institute conducted a convening assessment. For more information on the U.S. Institute, please visit <http://www.ecr.gov>.

The U.S. Institute contracted with an independent, impartial convening team, the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), to carry out interviews and prepare a draft convening report. The scope of the draft convening report includes views on school facility topics identified from the NCLB Act and the opportunities of and barriers to negotiated rulemaking. To understand the range of perspectives on or interests in these topics, the convening team conducted 200 confidential interviews with tribal officials or their designees, representatives of BIA-funded or grant-funded tribal schools, and others with an interest in Bureau-funded school facilities construction on the following:

- Interviewees' views on the substantive issues listed above;
- Suggestions for how diverse geographic, size, and tribal interests can best be represented on a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee;
- Any concerns or barriers to the establishment of and successful execution of a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on these topics; and
- Consultative activities and potential approaches to consultation that the Bureau might undertake regarding these issues.

The draft convening report reflects CBI findings and preliminary recommendations to DOI, BIA, and BIE based on these interviews. The draft report will be made available to all interviewees for comment. Upon receipt of comments, CBI and the U.S. Institute will consider all comments and prepare a final report for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education. All comments received on the draft will be

made available to DOI, BIA, and BIE. The final report will also be made available to the interviewees, all interested tribes, and the general public via a Web site link.

**Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 5601 *et seq.*

Dated: October 16, 2007.

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**National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee: Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app 2) and implementing regulation 41 CFR 101.6, announcement is made for the following committee meeting:

*Name of Committee:* National Industrial Security Program Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC).

*Date of Meeting:* November 15, 2007.

*Time of Meeting:* 10 am-12 noon.

*Place of Meeting:* National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Archivist's Reception Room, Room 105, Washington, DC 20408.

*Purpose:* To discuss National Industrial Security Program policy matters.

This meeting will be open to the public. However, due to space limitations and access procedures, the name and telephone number of individuals planning to attend must be submitted to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) no later than Monday, October 29, 2007. ISOO will provide additional instructions for gaining access to the location of the meeting.

*For Further Information Contact:* Patrick Viscuso, Senior Program Analyst, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives Building, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20408, telephone number (202) 357-5313.

Dated: October 16, 2007.

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**Notice of Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, October 25, 2007.