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## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION — CLIENT ALERT

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TO: TRIBAL LEADERS AND VAWA ADVOCATES  
FROM: BIG FIRE LAW & POLICY GROUP  
DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2020  
RE: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TRIBAL CONSULTATION

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The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) will hold the 15th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation on **October 27-30, 2020, from 1 – 5 p.m. EST.**

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Task Force on Violence Against Women and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center will co-host a digital Tribal Caucus on **October 26, 2020, from 3 – 5 p.m. EST.**

### I. Tribal Consultation

Next week, the DOJ's Office on Violence Against Women will virtually hold a tribal consultation to meet its mission to provide federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for, and strengthen services to, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Attorney General is required to hold an annual consultation with Indian tribes regarding VAWA funding and programs and solicit recommendations concerning:

- Enhancing the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the federal response to the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking; and
- Administering funds and programs for tribal governments established by the 1994 Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation

See Dear Tribal Leader Letter Here –

<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1304806/download>

View 15th Annual Consultation Website Here -

<https://www.ovwconsultation.org/Home>

View Full Agenda Here -

[https://tools.eventpower.com/agenda\\_module/schedule/display/20DOJ?agenda\\_id=1119](https://tools.eventpower.com/agenda_module/schedule/display/20DOJ?agenda_id=1119)

Register Here -

<https://www.ovwconsultation.org/Attend/Register>

Framing Papers Here -

<https://www.ovwconsultation.org/Framing-Paper>

## **II. Tribal Consultation Pre-Meeting**

The NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women and the NIWRC will be holding a digital Tribal Caucus on **October 26, 2020, from 3 – 5 p.m. EST**. Tribal leaders, tribal designees, tribal representatives, and tribal coalitions will have an opportunity to discuss their tribal priorities for the 15th Annual Government-To-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation.

This is a closed meeting for tribes and tribal organizations.

Register Here -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcuCprz8oE9bOcTLtDbFj2acgyVbK-SNq>

## **III. Testimony**

### A. During Consultation

On October 27-30, tribal leaders and their designees will have the opportunity to offer testimony during the consultation. Be sure to follow the instructions in the registration process.

For More Information -

<https://www.ovwconsultation.org/Agenda/Testimony>

### B. Written Testimony

Written testimony may also be submitted and is due on **Monday, November 30, 2020**. Submit written testimony to [tribalconsultationsupport@chickasaw.com](mailto:tribalconsultationsupport@chickasaw.com).

**Mask Up!**  
**Stay Safe.**  
**Get Out and Vote!**



**If you would like assistance with the Tribal Consultation, the Pre-Meeting or testimony, please contact your Big Fire attorney:**

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