



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development

RURAL GATEWAY PEER-TO-PEER CONFERENCE CALL

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes:

*A National Discussion of Technical Assistance and
Capacity Building Services for Native American Communities*

Thursday, September 22, 2011

2:00 p.m. EST

The Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) invites you to take part in our next Peer-to-Peer conference call. Scheduled for **Thursday, September 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m. EST**, this call will offer participants the opportunity to learn about the current issues related to economic development activities throughout Native American communities.

This call will focus on technical assistance and capacity building opportunities provided to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. First Nation Oweesta Corporation was awarded a Rural Housing and Economic Development Program Technical Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As a HUD technical assistance provider, Oweesta will be providing training and technical assistance to tribes and tribal organizations throughout the nation by offering services such as: revolving loans, entrepreneurship development, asset building and financial education, green building training, supportive housing training, grant compliance, and capacity building. Oweesta has a long history of supporting tribal institutions and building financial independence for native peoples as the only certified Native CDFI intermediary in the country. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about Oweesta's technical assistance services and the training opportunities that they will provide to tribal communities.

Join HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) and First Nation Oweesta Corporation as we engage leaders of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) in this open forum on the technical assistance and capacity building services provided to Native American communities. Valerie Piper, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will provide the agency's technical assistance and capacity building perspective. Jackie Williams, Director, HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development will serve as the moderator.

Jon Panamaroff, Executive Director and Senior Vice President, and William Guevara, Director of Programs for First Nation Oweesta Corporation will lead the discussion.

Format of the call: Call-in instructions and additional materials will be emailed to participants on **Wednesday, September 21, 2011**. The 60 minute call will include presentations and a Q&A session.

Please **RSVP** by email to rhed@hud.gov no later than **10 a.m. EST on Wednesday, September 21, 2011**. Please include your name, organization, city and state.

If you have any questions, please call 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-787-2526).