



United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to invite you to join me for a briefing call scheduled specifically for you on **Tuesday, May 23 at 4:30 PM ET** to discuss President Donald Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 budget request for Department of Interior's Indian Affairs, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Tuesday's call will focus on President Trump's plan to include Indian Country as part of his blueprint for making '*America Great Again*' through his support of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. The budget request focuses on supporting core funding ongoing tribal government operations, infrastructure repair and improvements, and resource development.

I will be joined by Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Michael S. Black and the Indian Affairs budget staff.

CALL-IN INFORMATION:

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 4:30 PM ET

DIAL-IN NUMBER: **1-888-889-5015**

ACCESS CODE: **ASIA BUDGET**

Please note that this call is off-the-record and not for press purposes. Dialing in 5 to 10 minutes early is highly encouraged in order to avoid any potential technical delays.

I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

James E. Cason
Associate Deputy Secretary