

## Summit Topics and Issues

At the Planning Committee's direction, IAD sent a survey to the leadership of all 22 tribes on February 4, 2010. Based on the tribal leaders' response to this survey, the Planning Committee decided to focus on the following three broad topics at the Summit: Tribal Economic Development, Tribal Infrastructure, and Indian Education. This survey, and a Follow-up Survey sent on February 26, gave all 22 tribes the opportunity to identify more specific issues within these broad topics as well as proposed solutions to be discussed at the Summit. Tribal leaders had the discretion to consult individuals and organizations with expertise in the topic areas as they prepared their survey responses.

The Planning Committee reviewed all the responses and, over a total of 14 hours, identified the main shared tribal concerns in the three topic areas and developed thirteen actions requested of Governor Richardson to address these concerns. The Planning Committee, with assistance from IAD, developed "Issue Papers" describing these proposed issues and solutions. On March 18 IAD sent the draft Issue Papers on behalf of the Planning Committee to the leadership of all 22 tribes and requested that they provide comments by March 24. The Planning Committee met again on March 25 to finalize the Issue Papers.

In coordination with Governor Richardson's Office, Secretary Warren shared the Issue Papers with cabinet secretaries and tribal liaisons from agencies directly responsible for those topics. Together, they crafted responses for Governor Richardson to consider to respond the tribes' concerns and proposed solutions. This is the same process that was used successfully for the 2009 Summit. The Governor's Office has directed thirteen cabinet secretaries (or their deputy secretaries, if they're not available) and all 33 tribal liaisons to attend the Summit. He has also invited the executive director of the New Mexico Finance Authority and his key staff to participate in the Summit. Finally, he has invited the New Mexico Indian Affairs Commission to attend the Summit as part of his delegation.

Concurrent with this process, Governor Richardson's Office added a fourth topic to the Summit agenda: State-Tribal DWI Collaboration. IAD has met with the DWI Tsar Rachel O'Conner and Michelle Brown-Yazzie, who have developed a DWI Issue Paper listing principal concerns and proposed solutions for the tribes' consideration. Governor Richardson sent this Issue Paper on March 30 to the leaders of all 22 tribes, nations and pueblos so that they can prepare their responses to his requested actions.