



Native American Contractors Association

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**NACA to hold first Native 8(a) Workshop in partnership with Osage, LLC**

*Save the Date: Tulsa, Oklahoma April 19-20, 2010*

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Washington DC (March 8, 2010): The Native American Contractors Association (NACA) will hold its first Native 8(a) workshop for Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) interested in government contracting and the Native 8(a) program. The workshop is being sponsored by NACA member, Osage LLC, and will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma April 19-20.

During the general session, participants will learn about the history of tribal, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian participation in government contracting, receive an update on legislative and regulatory issues affecting Native 8(a)s, and engage in a dialogue on the SBA proposed regulation to report on 8(a) benefits derived from government contracting.

Attendees will have the option to participate in one of two tracks. Track One will be designed to foster skills of those Native enterprises just entering government contracting and will discuss issues such as corporate structure, contract management and 8(a) compliance.

Track Two will be geared for those Native enterprises more established in government contracting and will discuss issues such as developing an ethics and compliance program, dealing with problem partners, and preparing for the transitional stage of the 8(a) program.

Presenters in both tracks will utilize case studies, scenarios and procurement law/regulations to engage participants in an active dialogue about relevant issues in government contracting, such as creating internal policies and procedures that meet new reporting requirements and best practices when dealing with agents, consultants and marketers.

This workshop is open to Tribal, Alaska Native Corporation and Native Hawaiian Organization owned enterprises. Tuition for the one day training is \$300. NACA members will receive reduced tuition of \$100.



Please RSVP for the Workshop with Jennine Elias, External Affairs Coordinator ([jennine@nativecontractors.org](mailto:jennine@nativecontractors.org)). More information will follow as plans develop. If you are interested in joining NACA please contact Jennine.

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*The Native American Contractors Association is a National Native organization based in Washington, DC that advocates for the rights of Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations and Native Hawaiian Organizations in government contracting and the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program. Learn more about NACA at [www.nativecontractors.org](http://www.nativecontractors.org).*