



Native American Contractors Association

*Working to enhance the economic self-sufficiency of America's indigenous peoples*

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## **NACA at RES2010**

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Washington DC (February 9, 2010): Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations and Native Hawaiian Organizations interested in government contracting and the Native 8(a) program should consider attending RES2010 and the Native American Contractors Associations (NACA's) Annual Membership Outreach Reception.

RES2010 will be held in Las Vegas, NV February 21-24. Gary Locke, US Commerce Secretary, will provide the keynote address on Monday, February, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NACA will host a reception for Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations and Native Hawaiian Organizations interested in learning more about our outstanding organization, government contracting, and Native 8(a) on Monday evening. Several NACA Board members and staff will be attending our reception to network with Native enterprises from across the country. NACA's reception will be held on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Aria Resort & Casino inside the new City Center. Please RSVP to attend the reception with Jennine Elias at [jennine@nativecontractors.org](mailto:jennine@nativecontractors.org).

Karen Mills, SBA Administrator, will provide the keynote address and there will be two Native 8(a) sessions on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The first Native 8(a) session will be Wednesday, 10:30 am – Noon and will focus on “Navigating the 8(a) Program”. The session is geared towards Native enterprises just entering the 8(a) program so it should be a great session for start ups. It will highlight things like how to apply for 8(a) certification. Experts in the Native 8(a) field will be there to answer questions and walk participants through the process step-by-step.

The second Native 8(a) session will be Wednesday, Noon – 3:30 pm and will focus on “8(a) policy developments and dialogue.” The Native American Contractors Association (NACA) will play a significant role in this session along with the Small Business Administration, Dept. of Defense, National Congress of American Indians, the National 8(a) Association, and National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

You can learn more about RES2010 and register at <http://www.ncaied.org/event-res.php>.

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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).*