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Dear Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Member:

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to NAHASDA's Indian Housing Block Grant Program (IHBG) Allocation Formula Negotiated Rulemaking session, and to thank you again for agreeing to participate in this effort to improve the IHBG formula allocation process. There is some important information that I would like to share with you prior to the meeting tomorrow.

First, you may want to take advantage of a meeting room that has been set aside for the convenience of tribal Negotiated Rulemaking Committee members on the evening of April 28th. It is the Majestic Ballroom here at the Adam's Mark Hotel, and it is available from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This room will also be the site of the general sessions that will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29th.

This formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee includes a significant number of members from the first NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, but there are also several new members. Because of this, I would like to remind you of the Department's review and clearance process associated with the development of regulations, including regulations that result from negotiated rulemaking. Please be aware that the products produced by the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee must undergo Departmental clearance, and then be reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget prior to publication as a proposed rule. Mr. Ariel Pereira from HUD's Office of General Counsel, Regulations Division, who is also a veteran of the original NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking, will be present at the opening session to explain in detail how the regulatory review and clearance process works.

I look forward to a productive, positive and fruitful session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. J. Boyd".

Rodger J. Boyd
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for Native American Programs