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2016 marked another successful year of Self-Governance. The landscape of Self-Governance policy, regulations, and education changed as Tribal Nations, leaders, and partners worked collaboratively to advance many legislative, budget, and policy priorities. The next era of Self-Governance is expanding Tribal authority, building momentum for Tribal governance, and ultimately strengthen the tenants of Self-Governance.

Through key policy advancements such as Contract Support Costs (CSC) policies within the Department of the Interior (DOI) and Indian Health Service (IHS) and legislative advocacy to expand and implement Self-Governance within the Department of Transportation (DOT) Self-Governance Tribes were at the nexus of critical changes in Indian Country.

After a delayed start, the DOT Self-Governance Negotiated Rulemaking Committee began meeting in August 2016 and has not slowed since. The Committee meets monthly working to develop programmatic and administrative regulations to assist DOT in the first expansion of Self-Governance since the permanent reauthorization of Self-Governance at Indian Health Service in 2000.

“The Committee is working diligently to finish writing the proposed regulation in anticipation of finalizing the regulation by June 2018,” reported Committee Tribal Co-Chair, Chief Kay Rhoads, Sac and Fox Nation.

Chief Rhoads updated leadership at the recent Department of Interior (DOI) Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) that the Committee is on track to meet the deadline. Self-Governance Tribes should continue to monitor the Committee’s activity via their website and reach out to their regional representative for additional information. As always SGCE is following the rulemaking development closely and will share periodic updates as needed.

Please bring your family and join Self-Governance Communication & Education, Indian Health Services/Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs for the 2017 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference which will be hosted in the beautiful city of Spokane, Washington, April 23-27, 2017, at the Spokane Convention Center. The Spokane Convention Center is located on the beautiful Spokane River which runs throughout the city and is conveniently located near the beautiful Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane.

An array of enjoyable outdoor activities surround the area including: ski resorts, white-water rafting, camping areas, hiking trails, lakes, and the Centennial trail. This year’s theme “Progressive Partnerships: Investing in Tribal Nation Building” coincides with the introduction of new Federal Administration and will lend itself to enhancing this year’s conference which will be one loaded with numerous information opportunities and time to meet with federal partners to advance the partnerships we have built over the span of past administrations.

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