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## **Division of Community Development will seek public input on plans to decentralize Local Government Support Centers**

Window Rock, AZ - The Division of Community Development will present a proposed decentralization plan to the Local Government Support Center (LGSC) staff and Chapters officials during the week of November 18-22, 2013.

On July 05, 2013, the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) issued a directive to the Division of Community Development (NNDCCD) to develop a comprehensive decentralization plan to transition the Agency Local Governance Centers (LGSC) to regional support centers. The BFC allocated funds in the amount of 3.0 million dollars to establish regional service centers by fiscal year 2014.

The NNDCCD formed a task group to assess and develop a proposed plan based on priority service needs, staffing, budget and operational plans based on regional needs and existing infrastructure. "The NNDCCD Decentralization Task Group has done an excellent job in the formulation of a viable plan to present to the public. Now the Task Group will be on this weeklong tour seeking public input and discussion," said Mr. Leonard Chee, Division Director of NNDCCD.

The basic premise of the proposed decentralization plan is to re-delegate most of the authority of the central administration to lower levels of management to minimize the lengthy bureaucratic process. This will allow more responsive services to local chapters, to assist in their planning, project management community involvement, and legal services.

Decentralization would transition the current five Agency Local Governance Service Centers (LGSC) into regional service centers. At each service center will staff an accountant, senior planner, attorney positions will be created and funded to provide immediate administrative and technical support.

The Division of Community Development will be at the following locations:

Crownpoint Agency	November 18, 2013	Fire Rock Casio, Church Rock, NM
Fort Defiance Agency	November 19, 2013	Whitecone Multipurpose Building
Tuba City Agency	November 20, 2013	Tuba City Chapter House
Chinle Agency	November 21, 2013	Chinle NTUA Conference Room
Shiprock Agency	November 22, 2013	Nenahnezad Chapter House

All meetings will be promptly at 9 am. Decentralization Task Group presentations will be followed by public comment and discussion. For additional information, please contact the Ms. Shirlene Jim, Legislative Associate with the Division of Community Development at (505) 371-8468.