



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Communications Office
Office of the President and Vice President
Mihio Manus
Michele J. Crank
928.871.7000

2016 B2B Procurement Summit Supports Navajo Entrepreneurs

The Office of the President and Vice President, the Navajo Council of Economic Advisors and the Division of Economic Development are proud to announce the 2016 B2B Procurement Summit: "Buy Navajo," that will take place October 12-13 at Twin Arrows Casino Resort in Flagstaff, AZ.

During this two-day event, Navajo businesses and entrepreneurs will learn the basics of tribal government procurement and business. The summit is unique in that all participants will have an opportunity to apply their newly acquired skills by meeting one-on-one with procurement staff from all Navajo enterprises, corporations and government divisions. In addition, attendees will receive a business opportunity certification from the Navajo Technical University and Dine College.

"We've looked to the financial expertise of the Council of Economic Advisors to guide us toward solutions in diversifying our economy and supporting Navajo business owners and entrepreneurs," President Russell Begaye said. "In considering the needs of businesses, we're holding the procurement summit to educate business owners on the tribal procurement policy and facilitate meetings with procurement staff."

This B2B Summit is part of the Begaye-Nez Administration's commitment to creating opportunities for Navajo Small Businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. It also follows the recommendation by the Navajo Council of Economic Advisors to engage the Nation's enterprises, corporations and government divisions in reaching out to the Navajo business community to increase their share of local suppliers of goods and services.

"The Begaye-Nez administration fosters the 'Buy Navajo' initiative. As a tribal nation, we need to ensure that Navajo entrepreneurs are included in the procurement process. We must give these small businesses patronage to grow economic development on the Navajo Nation," said Vice President Jonathan Nez.

"It is about changing the culture of how we spend and being cognizant of our Navajo business owners," he added.

This event is free of cost to all attendees; however, participants must register by October 3 at www.navajobusiness.com. For more information, please contact Jennifer at B2Binfo@navajobusiness.com.

###