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Division of Community Development to host Summit on the Local Government Support Centers (LGSC) Decentralization plan in Chinle, AZ

Window Rock, AZ - The Division of Community Development (NNDCD) will host the LGSC Decentralization Summit at the Chinle High School Gymnasium, in Chinle AZ on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

NNDCD developed a proposed plan to transition the five agency Local Governance Service Centers (LGSC) into regional Administrative Service Centers. The LGSC office currently provides administrative and technical services to all 110 chapters.

There are currently 16 proposed centers under consideration, and each service center will have an accountant and senior planner and legal services from regional attorneys.

These proposed positions would provide immediate administrative and technical support to chapters, to increase chapter projects, planning and direct services to the people.

This proposed plan is a result of Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) directive issued to NNDCD on July 05, 2013, to develop a comprehensive decentralization plan to transition the LGSC into regional Administrative Support Centers.

The Navajo Nation Council allocated funds in the amount of 3.0 million dollars to establish the regional service centers by fiscal year 2014.

Under the NNDCD decentralization plan, some of the authority of the central administration is re-delegated to lower levels of management to minimize the lengthy bureaucratic process and increase direct services to chapters.

The Summit will begin at 1 P.M. in the afternoon. The Decentralization Task Group presentation will be followed by public discussion and comment.

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