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Dear Summit Participant,

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) invite you to participate in a Tribal Summit on Renewable Energy: Protecting Tribal Cultural Resources that will be held January 11-13, 2011, in Palm Springs, California. We recognize that developing renewable energy and its potential effects on historic properties is an area of concern to Indian tribes and thus are coordinating a summit to bring together tribal representatives and officials from federal agencies and states involved with energy development so that we may share information and discuss local and national implications to Indian country.

Your participation in this discussion will bring a critical perspective to understanding project development and how tribal preservation issues can best be factored into renewable energy initiatives. Major goals of the summit are to improve communications between Indian tribes and government officials and to share information about how tribes might best participate in the energy development process.

The summit will include an overview of upcoming federal renewable energy projects and highlight tribal issues related to past and proposed renewable energy development, such as consultation, timeframes, and indirect and cumulative effects to sites of religious and cultural significance. Dialogue on formulating next steps to address upcoming renewable energy projects will be encouraged. A preliminary agenda and lodging information are attached.

We hope to see you at the summit.

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