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Support for Native American Youth Projects

[First Nations Development Institute: Native Youth and Culture Fund](#)

First Nations Development Institute invests in innovative institutions that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities. The First Nations' Native Youth and Culture Fund provides grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 for projects that focus on youth and incorporate Native culture and tradition to address issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, mental health, and other social issues. Funded projects should address one or more of the following priority areas: preserving cultural and/or spiritual practices, beliefs, and values; engaging both youth and elders in activities that demonstrate methods for documenting traditional knowledge, practices, and/or beliefs; increasing youth's capacity to lead through integrated educational or mentoring programs; and increasing access to cultural customs and beliefs through the use of appropriate technologies as a means of preserving tribal language, arts, history, etc. Online proposals must be submitted by March 20, 2014. Visit the First Nations' website to review the funding guidelines.

Awards Honor Volunteer Programs for Military Families

[Newman's Own Awards Program](#)

The purpose of the Newman's Own Awards Program is to recognize volunteer and nonprofit organizations supporting our nation's military families. Eligible applicants must be comprised primarily of volunteers or be a nonprofit organization, and be working with the families of Active Duty, National Guard, or Reserve units and/or veterans. Applying organizations will be evaluated on their innovative plans for improving the quality of life for members of the military and their families. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided. The application deadline is April 23, 2014. Visit the program's website to submit an online application.

Organizations Serving Individuals with Autism Funded

[Autism Speaks Family Services Community Grants](#)

The goal of Autism Speaks is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. The organization's Family Services Community Grants support programs nationwide

that work to build the field of services for individuals with autism and to expand the capacity to effectively serve this growing community. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are provided in the following categories: Education, Recreation/Community Activities, and Young Adult/Adult Services. Letters of intent will be accepted from February 19 through March 28, 2014. Visit the Autism Speaks website to download the Request for Applications after February 19. Note: Canadian nonprofit organizations are supported through [Autism Speaks Canada](#).

PTA Grants Promote Healthy Lifestyles for Young Children

[Smart from the Start: Community Outreach Grant Program](#)

The Smart from the Start: Community Outreach Grant Program, an initiative of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), is dedicated to helping PTAs nationwide educate families about healthy lifestyles. This program supports locally-driven, grassroots prevention strategies that educate families about practical ways to ensure their children, ages three to five, achieve a balanced intake of nutritious foods and physical activity every day, using the [Energy Balance Pre-K curriculum](#). An additional objective is to mobilize community-based stakeholders to focus on increasing access to nutritious foods and physical activity options in the community, especially for families of young children. Ten grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded to PTA Regions, Districts, and Councils. The application deadline is March 28, 2014. Visit the National PTA's website to download the Request for Proposals.

Regional Funding

K-12 Science and Math Programs in 39 States Supported

[Monsanto Fund: America's Farmers Grow Rural Education](#)

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, an initiative of the Monsanto Fund, helps farmers positively impact their communities and support local school districts. The program gives farmers in selected counties in 39 states the opportunity to nominate their public school districts to compete for grants to promote science and math education. Once nominated by a local farmer, school district administrators are eligible to submit an application for either a grant of up to \$10,000 or a grant of up to \$25,000 to support a science and/or math educational program. The more farmers that nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and strengthens the school district's application. Farmers must submit nominations by April 6, 2014, and schools must apply by April 21, 2014. Visit the Monsanto website to learn more about the program and submit an online nomination.

Funds for Water Resources Protection in Pennsylvania

[Water Resources Education Network](#)

The Water Resources Education Network (WREN) is a nonpartisan collaboration among organizations and public officials working for the protection and management of Pennsylvania's water resources, both surface and ground water, through grassroots education and informed policymaking. For 2014, WREN is offering two grant tracks. The WREN Watershed Education Grants of up to \$5,000 support projects that educate Pennsylvania citizens and local officials about how to protect, improve, or remediate the watershed from the impacts of nonpoint source pollution. Source Water Protection Grants of up to \$7,000 support regional or county-level Source Water Protection Collaboratives in Pennsylvania that will educate local officials and residents about ways to protect public drinking water resources from contamination, improve

emergency response coordination, and ensure the community water supply will be sustainable. Proposals for both programs must be postmarked by March 21, 2014. Visit the WREN website to download the application instructions and forms.

Mini-Grants Encourage Motorist/Bicyclist Safety in Florida

[Bike Florida: Share the Road Mini-Grant Program](#)

Bike Florida's Share the Road Mini-Grant Program provides funds to nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the state that are promoting motorist and bicycle education, as well as awareness of proper, legal roadway sharing. Preference will be given to applicants that teach the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education Program while garnering significant media coverage. A match of at least equivalent dollars and/or in-kind contributions is required to receive these mini-grants of \$200 to \$2,000. Applications may be submitted at any time and are processed as they are received. Visit the Bike Florida website to download the application form.

Support for Healthy Children Programs in Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

[Health Care Service Corporation: Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Initiative](#)

Healthy Kids, Healthy Families, an initiative of Health Care Service Corporation, is designed to improve the health and wellness of children in Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The goal of the initiative is to support nonprofit organizations that offer sustainable, measurable programs to reach children and their families in the following areas: nutrition education, physical activity, disease prevention and management, and safe environments. The application deadlines for 2014 vary by state: March 7 for Illinois, May 1 for Texas, September 10 for New Mexico, and September 30 for Oklahoma. Download the application instructions and FAQs from the Healthy Kids, Healthy Families [grant page](#) in order to learn more about this initiative.

Federal Funding

Support for Children's Mental Health Services

[Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program provides support to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving, expanding, and sustaining services provided through a system of care approach for children/youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. The application deadline is March 19, 2014.

Funds Available to Preserve Tribal Heritage

[Department of the Interior](#)

The Tribal Heritage Grants program provides support for cultural and historic preservation projects in order to assist Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions. The application deadline is March 21, 2014.

Program Supports Rural Health Improvement

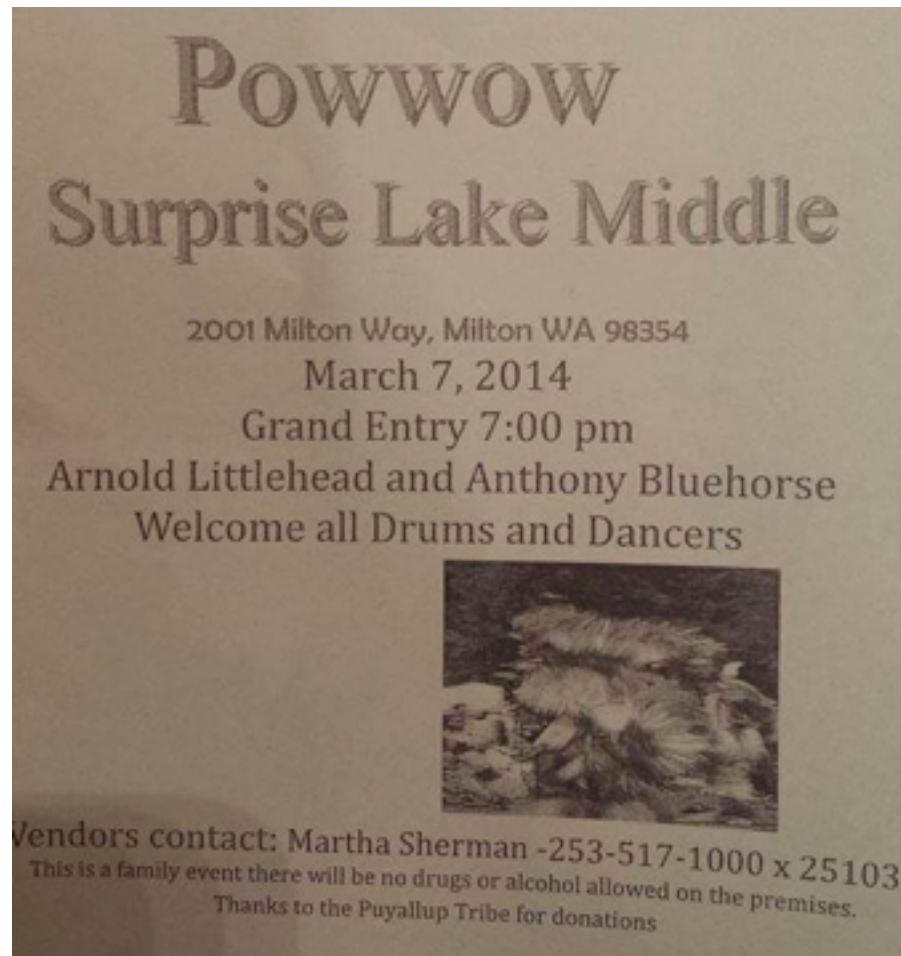
[Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The National Rural Health Policy and Community Development Program supports projects that will help improve health in rural communities. The application deadline is March 31, 2014.

Agriculture Education Funded

[Department of Agriculture](#)

The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program provides support to promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness. The application deadline is April 3, 2014.



[Mexico Building Latin America's Largest Solar Farm to Replace Old, Dirty Oil-Power Plant](#)

Ari Philips, News Report: If Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto's recent summit with North American leaders is an indication of the significance of the trio's relationship, then his expected upcoming visit to the Aura I solar farm can be seen as a benchmark on the country's path to a more renewable future. Mexico is poised to be Latin America's solar hotbed according to Greentech Media, with the solar market's installed base expected to quadruple from 60 megawatts to 240 megawatts by the end of this year. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)



OMUSHKEGOWUK'S GOAL WAS TO WALK TO OTTAWA & SEND A MESSAGE TO THE CHIEFS & GOV'T OF CANADA TO HONOUR THE TREATIES MADE WITH FIRST NATIONS. <http://twitpic.com/dwknyu> #ATTAWAPISKAT #OMUSH

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-via Occupy Canada/Photograph by Sean Kilpatrick

POWERFUL PHOTO! The Omushkegowuk Walkers have arrived on Parliament Hill after walking 50 days and more than 1,700 kilometres !! <http://bit.ly/1ecEdxq> SHARE!

February 24, 2014. - "After 50 days and 1,700 kilometres on foot, a trio of Cree men are now in Ottawa.

Danny Metatawabin, Paul Mattinas and Brian Okimaw set out from Attawapiskat, Ont., a First Nation near the shores of James Bay, on Jan. 4. Their goal was to walk to Ottawa and send a reminder along the way to both chiefs and the government to honour the treaties forged between Canada and First Nations.

"As in the wisdom of our Elders that continue to remind us of where we should be, and in considering the future aspirations of all of our youth, we are seeking justice, equality and fairness as First Peoples of this country," said a message from Metatawabin on the Facebook page that has chronicled their journey."

"In addition to treaty agreements, the group wanted to draw attention to issues that Attawapiskat and other First Nations know too well. Poor housing conditions, above-average suicide rates, the

hundreds of missing and murdered aboriginal women whose cases have gone unsolved and the disproportionate rate of incarceration are just some of problems facing both on and off-reserve aboriginal people in Canada." -Lauren Strapagiel, ocanada.com

"On average, there are about six walkers involved each day, trying to bring attention to First Nations issues, including treaty agreements, housing, suicide rates, and missing and murdered aboriginal women." .. "Despite the rain falling down upon us, and with the transport trucks rolling by every so often feeling like we were going to be splashed or blown away, we still continued to walk with our Spirits and Energies high," Metatawabin wrote. <http://bit.ly/1gxXW8Q> - The Ottawa Citizen

PRESS RELEASE VIA IDLE NO MORE: "Forty-nine days ago, a group of First Nations adults and youth began a spiritual journey from Attawapiskat First Nation by James Bay to Ottawa. The twenty-five Indigenous walkers arrived in Ottawa this morning. Some of them have walked 1700 kms! Concerned about broken treaties, land and water protection, and human rights issues the Omushkegong Walkers vowed to take their steps back by walking all the way to Ottawa. They have a message to share when their journey ends at Parliament Hill" <http://bit.ly/1gxUnzx>

For updates & To learn about the journey, please visit their facebook page Reclaiming Our Steps - Past, Present and Future. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Reclaiming-Our-Steps-Past-Present-Future/768816863131863>

Updates via facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/636151979779260/>
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[Walkers from Attawapiskat reach Ottawa, seeking talks about treaty rights theglobeandmail.com](http://www.theglobeandmail.com)

[Group of First Nations representatives trek more than 1,000 kilometres to put treaty discussions back on federal agenda](http://www.theglobeandmail.com)

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THE WHITE HOUSE                      Office of the Press Secretary                      February 26, 2014

**President Obama Lays Out Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Infrastructure**

*On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the President will speak at the historic Union Depot train station in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he will launch a competition for \$600 million in competitive transportation funding and outline his vision for investing in America's infrastructure with a \$302 billion, four year surface transportation reauthorization proposal. The President will continue to act when he can to promote job growth in the transportation sector and put more Americans back to work repairing and modernizing our roads, bridges, railways, and transit systems, and will also work with Congress to act to ensure critical transportation programs continue to be funded and do not expire later this year.*

- **Launching competition for \$600 million in TIGER competitive grants to fund transformative transportation infrastructure projects.** Since the President took office, America has made historic investments to improve our nation's infrastructure –including the highly successful Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program that has invested \$3.5 billion in 270 projects across the country. Today the President is announcing that the U.S. Department of Transportation is making available \$600 million in TIGER competitive grants to fund transportation projects. The TIGER grant

program, which was initially funded as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, was recently funded in the bipartisan Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed by the President on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

➤ **Proposing an aggressive four-year plan to modernize our nation's surface transportation infrastructure.**

Despite progress over the last five years, there's more work to do. Later this summer, the nation's transportation system will be facing a funding crisis, which is why the President is committed to working with Congress, including Senators Boxer and Vitter and Representatives Shuster and Rahall, on a bipartisan solution. Today the President is outlining his vision for a comprehensive, long term plan that puts people back to work repairing our nation's transportation infrastructure. The President will propose a four-year reauthorization of our surface transportation programs that will modernize our nation's infrastructure and ensure the health and growth of these critical programs for the future while supporting millions of jobs.

➤ **Proposing a pro-growth, bipartisan approach to financing the President's surface transportation plan.** The

President's Budget will outline his proposal to dedicate \$150 billion in one-time transition revenue from pro-growth business tax reform to address the funding crisis facing our surface transportation programs and increase infrastructure investment. This amount is sufficient to not only fill the current funding gap in the Highway Trust Fund, but increase surface transportation investment over current projected levels by nearly \$90 billion over the next four years. When taking into account existing funding for surface transportation, this plan will result in a total of \$302 billion being invested over four years putting people back to work modernizing our transportation infrastructure. The President is putting forward this pro-growth financing plan to encourage bipartisan efforts to support a visionary infrastructure plan, but is open to all ideas for how to achieve this important objective, and will work closely with Members of Congress of both parties on a solution that will invest in more job creating transportation projects. The President is also looking forward to working with Congress on bipartisan ideas to attract more private investment, such as a national infrastructure bank or the recent infrastructure financing authority proposal from Senators Warner and Blunt.

***Launching Competition for \$600 in TIGER Grants***

*Today, the President is announcing that the U.S. Department of Transportation is making available \$600 million to fund transportation projects across the country under a sixth round of the highly successful TIGER competitive grant program. This funding and opportunity for governors, mayors, and other local leaders to partner with the Federal government is a result of the bipartisan Consolidated Appropriations Act the President signed in January and an example of what progress is possible when Washington works together across partisan lines.*

*Since 2009 when the President signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that launched the program, the TIGER grant program has awarded \$3.5 billion to 270 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico – including 100 projects to support rural communities. These high impact investments have improved the nation's road, rail, transit, and port systems, and supported multi-modal projects that efficiently connect these varying types of transportation modes. Demand for TIGER funds has been overwhelming, and the quality of applications has been high. During the previous five rounds, the U.S. Department of Transportation received more than 5,300 applications requesting nearly \$115 billion for transportation projects across the country.*

- **Supporting High-Value Transportation Projects Across the Country.** The highly competitive TIGER program supports a range of projects, including roads, bridges, transit, rail, and ports, and offers one of the few Federal funding sources for game-changing projects that integrate different modes of transportation. The TIGER program invests in projects that will have a significant impact on the nation or a region, and Federal funds are used to make such projects possible and leverage additional funding from private sector partners, States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and transit agencies.

- **Encouraging Improved Job Access and Increased Economic Opportunity.** In an effort to expand economic opportunities for all Americans, the 2014 TIGER program will place an emphasis on projects that support reliable, safe, and affordable transportation options that improve connections for urban, suburban, and rural communities. While continuing to support projects of all types, a priority will be placed in this 6<sup>th</sup> round of applications on projects that make it easier for Americans to get to jobs, school, and other opportunities, promote neighborhood revitalization and business expansion, and reconnect neighborhoods that are unnaturally divided by physical barriers such as highways and railroads.
- **Prioritizing Transformative Projects.** Successful projects in the highly competitive process will be those with the potential to improve economic competitiveness and create jobs, improve the condition of existing transportation systems, improve quality of life by increasing transportation options, improve energy efficiency, reduce fuel consumption and encourage resiliency, and/or improve the safety of our transportation systems.
- **\$35 Million to Help Communities Design Economic Development Plans.** In addition to supporting capital grants, Congress provided the U.S. Department of Transportation with the flexibility to use up to \$35 million of the 2014 TIGER funds for planning grants for the first time since 2010. These funds can be used to support the planning of innovative transportation solutions, as well as regional transportation planning, freight and port planning, housing and land use development, and resiliency efforts that improve efficiency and sustainable community development.

#### *The President's Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Infrastructure*

*The Highway Trust Fund that provides critical funding for repairing roads, bridges, and transit systems is projected to become insolvent later this summer, and the existing surface transportation bill expires in September. Moreover, the current way we fund our transportation investments is insufficient to meet the nation's transportation infrastructure needs and grow our economy.*

*The President is committed to working on a solution that not only avoids a near-term funding crisis, but also provides stability and meet the pent-up transportation needs to help American families and workers and businesses in rural, suburban, and urban communities across the country.*

*The President's vision, which will be described in his FY2015 Budget request, will create jobs, grow our economy, attract private investment, facilitate American exports, reduce commute times and increase access to jobs, make our roads and bridges safer, cut red tape, and increase the return on investment of transportation infrastructure for American taxpayers. The President is calling for a \$302 billion, four year transportation reauthorization proposal that increases and provides stable funding for our nation's highways, bridges, transit, and rail systems. The President is proposing one way to pay for this investment, by using \$150 billion in one-time transition revenue from pro-growth business tax reform, but will work closely with Congress and listen to their ideas for how to achieve this important objective.*

- **Proposing a \$302 billion, Four Year Transportation Reauthorization Bill, Providing States, Local Governments, and Construction Workers with Certainty.** The President's proposal for a \$302 billion, four year transportation reauthorization will not only allow States and local units of government to effectively plan their project pipelines, supporting millions of good paying jobs over the next several years, but also will enable more transformative transportation projects that improve our global competitiveness.
  - \$63 billion to fill the funding gap in the Highway Trust Fund. The proposal will meet our nation's essential highway, bridge, and transit needs in the near term by providing \$63 billion to address the insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund for four years.



- Prioritizing “Fix-it-First” investments. The proposal will include policies and reforms to prioritize investments for much needed repairs and to improve the safety of highways and bridges, subways and bus services, with particular attention to improving roads and bridges in rural and tribal areas.

· **Matching Transportation Infrastructure Investments to the Current and Future Needs of American Communities.** Bringing a one-time infusion of investment into our transportation infrastructure programs would enable projects that address the diverse needs of American communities today.

- \$206 billion to invest in our nation’s highway system and road safety. The proposal will increase the amount of highway funds by 22 percent annually, for a total of about \$199 billion over the four years. The proposal would also provide more than \$7 billion to improve safety for all users of our highways and roads.
- \$72 billion to invest in transit systems and expand transportation options. The proposal increases average transit spending by nearly 70 percent annually, for a total program of \$72 billion over four years, which will enable the expansion of new projects (e.g., light rail, street cars, bus rapid transit, etc.) in suburbs, fast-growing cities, small towns, and aging rural communities, while still maintaining existing transit systems.
- \$19 billion in dedicated funding for rail programs. The proposal also includes nearly \$5 of billion annually for high performance and passenger rail programs with a focus on improving the connections between key regional city pairs and high traffic corridors throughout the country.
- \$9 billion in competitive funding to spur innovation. The proposal will make permanent and provide \$5 billion over four years, an increase of more than 100 percent, for the highly successfully TIGER competitive grant program and propose \$4 billion of competitively awarded funding over four years to incentivize innovation and local policy reforms to encourage better performance, productivity, and cost-effectiveness in our transportation systems.
- Encouraging coordination and local decision making. The proposal includes policy reforms to incentivize improved regional coordination and strengthen local decision making in allocating Federal funding so that local communities can better realize their vision for improved mobility.

· **Expanding Economic Growth, Jobs, and Opportunity.** The President is dedicated to enhancing opportunity for all Americans and our businesses by investing in transportation projects that better connect communities to centers of employment, education, and services.

- More than \$2.6 billion and policy reforms to support the creation of ladders of opportunity. The proposal will include policy reforms to enhance existing highway and transit programs that help to create ladders of opportunity. Within the overall transit spending, the proposal provides \$2.2 billion for a new bus rapid transit program for rapidly growing regions. It also includes \$400 million to enhance the size, diversity, and skills of our nation’s construction workforce, while providing support for local hiring efforts and encouraging States to use their On-the-Job training funds more effectively
- \$10 billion for a new freight program to strengthening America’s exports and trade. Recognizing the importance of efficient and reliable freight networks to support trade and economic growth, the President’s proposal will also create a new \$10 billion multimodal freight grant program – in partnership with State and local officials and private sector and labor representatives – for rail,

highway, and port projects that address the greatest needs for the efficient movement of goods across the country and abroad.

- **More Bang-for-the-Buck by Boosting Efficiency and Taxpayers Return on Our Transportation Investments.** In a time of tight fiscal and budgetary constraints, the President's proposal includes a number of measures to ensure that the American public is getting most out of Federal transportation infrastructure investments that lead to better outcomes for all Americans.
  - Improving project delivery and the Federal permitting and regulatory review process. The proposal will further advance and introduce new reforms to the project delivery system through a range of activities that institutionalize best practices and insights from the President's previous Executive Orders and Presidential Memorandums to cut project timelines in half for major infrastructure projects by modernizing the Federal government's infrastructure permitting and regulatory review process.
  - Building more resilient communities. Building on the Sandy Task Force recommendations, the proposal will also encourage more resilient designs for highway, transit, and rail infrastructure, and smarter transportation planning to reduce fuel use and conserve energy.
  - Encouraging and incentivizing cost effective investments. The proposal will strengthen the performance incentives to maintain safety and conditions of good repair, and expand research and technology activities in order to improve the productivity of our transportation systems, thereby increasing taxpayer return on investment.
  - \$4 billion to attract private investment in transportation infrastructure. The proposal calls for continued funding of \$1 billion in annual credit subsidy for the successful TIFIA loan program that, similar to other Administration proposals such as capitalizing a National Infrastructure Bank, creating American Fast Forward bonds, or enacting Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA) reforms, will facilitate increased private investment in transportation infrastructure while protecting taxpayer interests.

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### [Official Backing Conflicted KXL Study May Have Exposed State Dept. to Security Risk](#)

**Lee Fang, News Report:** Internal e-mails from the State Department show that a State Department official named Keith Benes played a leading role within the agency in defending the use of ERM, a former TransCanada business partner, in conducting the Environmental Impact Study of the Keystone XL pipeline. A Republic Report review of these e-mails, disclosed through an Information Act request, show that Benes may have exposed the State Department to a serious security risk by conducting his work in defense of ERM using his personal e-mail account. [READ](#) | [DISCUSS](#) | [SHARE](#)

### [North American Indigenous Peoples Caucus Meeting-March 1-2, 2014 \(Preliminary Events Friday,... eventbrite.com](#)

[Greetings Peoples of Turtle Island: The North American Indigenous Peoples Caucus \(NAIPC\) is a voluntary Indigenous body that meets once a year prior to the United Nations Permanent Forum on...](#)

# Red Hoops BENEFIT CONCERT

**All proceeds benefit the Red Hoop Round Dance**

**Friday March 7th 2014  
Carson Colony Gym  
2900 S. Curry St Carson City  
Doors open at 6pm**

**\$10 admission/includes dinner**

Your invited to join us on this first annual event to raise funds for the 6th Annual Red Hoop Round Dance (March 21-22). Variety of Native Artists and Musicians all coming together to help raise money for the Community Event. Different musical genre like; Traditional Round Dance Songs, Rock, Acoustic Music, R&B, Country, Flute and Much More!! Raffles and more to

to be held throughout the evening. This is a family event

Drug and Alcohol Free! For more information call

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