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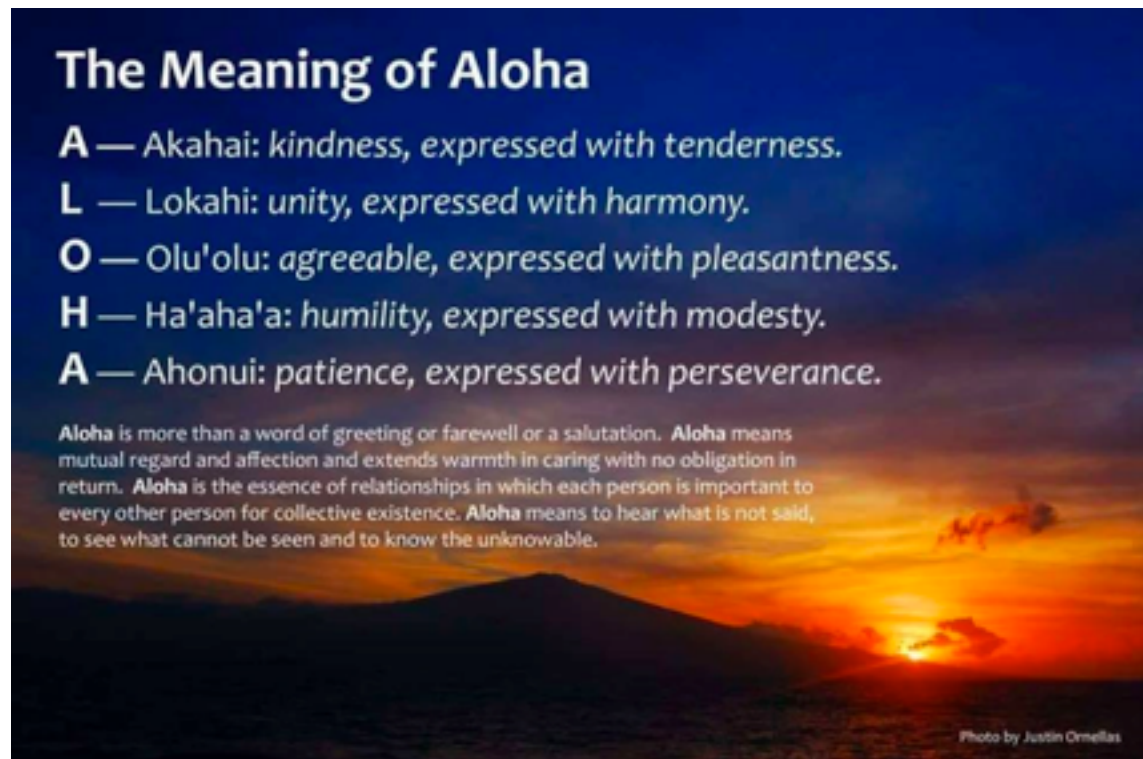
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You might remember we shared a story on [Ron Cooper](#), the Comanche man who retraced the Trail of Tears and wrote a book about his journey. He's back to offer us some history and travel ideas in a new YouTube channel, [Native American Destinations](#).

If you love learning about America's first inhabitants, and discovering tribes you may never have heard about, then this is the channel for you.

[Episode 0 - An Introduction](#)

He already has several episodes up on his channel, starting with the Comanche Nation of course. [READ MORE](#) powwows.com

Statue Honors Native American Veterans

As reported by several news outlets in California, a statue honoring the sacrifices made by Native American veterans is currently touring the state, stopping off in several Native communities.

A 12-foot bronze sculpture, "The Gift" by A. Thomas Schomberg has been selected by the official American Indian Alaska Native (AIAN) Veterans Memorial Committee, a Chumash spokesman said.

"We are pleased to host 'The Gift' as (committee members) make their way through California on a state-wide tour," said Kenneth Kahn, tribal chairman for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. "As a tribe, it is important for us to honor our veterans and recognize them for their service to our country." [READ MORE](#) powwows.com



The honor guard of the Schurz VFW Post No. 6825 at the cemetery after World War II. (l-r) William Miller, Duane Foster, Kenneth Voorhees, Ben Davis, Clarence "Irish" Williams, Andrew Powell, Tommy Williams, Manual McCloud, Fred Kinnerson, Harold Miller, Herman Williams, Ray Sammaripa. (courtesy Agnes Sammaripa Collection)

Reno Police @RenoPolice Apr 18

Join Our Team! We're accepting applications for the position of Police Recruit through May 19.

<http://renopd.com/recruit> [#joinrenopd](#)

Calendar and Deadlines

May 23 The CICD Roundtable: A Conversation about Building Economic Well-Being for Native Communities through Homeownership

This Roundtable Conversation event gathers regional leaders to explore linkages and synergy between Native homeownership and other drivers of community wellbeing, such as education, health, safety, and economic development and strategies for helping Native communities attain their economic goals.

Homeownership is a central tenet of the Center for Indian Country Development's strategy to help Native Communities attain their economic development goals. As the largest single investment for most families,

housing and homeownership are significant drivers of most economies. This Roundtable brings together a broad range of thought leaders, practitioners, and stakeholders to discuss:

Homeownership's role as an asset-building strategy and economic driver in Indian Country

Synergies between tribal leaders, government agencies, and financial institutions, especially Native CDFIs, on policies, resources, and best practices

Improvements to the structural barriers and funding gaps that limit homeownership opportunities among American Indians

For more information, email [HYPERLINK "mailto:cicd@mpls.frb.org"](mailto:cicd@mpls.frb.org) cicd@mpls.frb.org

May 23-24 PROCUREMENT & CONTRACT MANAGEMENT Phoenix, AZ

FREE. This HUD/ONAP training course provides guidance for recipients and sub-recipients of Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG) on the procurement of supplies, materials, equipment, and services necessary for the efficient and economical operation, maintenance, development, rehabilitation, and modernization of low-income housing programs in compliance with applicable Federal laws, Executive Orders, and regulations, incl. 24 CFR Part 1000 and 2CFR Part 200. **Registration & Event Info:** <http://www.event.com/events/hud-procurement-contract-management/event-summary-7bafd04057ec467ab65662b20ab0ce8b.aspx>

May 23-25 Tribal Grant Writers Training Oklahoma City, OK

Tribal Grant Writers Training. To register and for more info., contact Elton Naswood at [HYPERLINK "mailto:tribal@minorityhealth.hhs.gov"](mailto:tribal@minorityhealth.hhs.gov) tribal@minorityhealth.hhs.gov. Deadline for application is May 19, 2017. HHS/OMH, OMHRC, in collaboration with the Assn. of American Indian Physicians and HHS Regions 6 & 7: Vision, Design, Capacity (VDC) training.

May 24-25 Basic Financial Management Rapid City, SD Registration:
HYPERLINK "<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=49hjd9ab.0.0.x6l8fddab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.regonline.com%2Fbuilder%2Fsite%2FDefault.aspx%3FEventID%3D1977127>" \t
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May 26 Rural Cooperative Development Grant (USDA)

This U.S. Dept. of Agriculture program helps improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping nonprofit corporations or higher education institutions in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other mutually-owned businesses through cooperative development. The Center can be located in any area, but the individuals and business assisted must be located in an eligible rural area. Eligibility: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. **LINK to RFP:** "<http://report.mynewsletterbuilder.com/t.js?s=591004b31baa5d471505ef93&u=38178412&v=3&key=abef&skey=d5cc71a379&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rd.usda.gov%2Fprograms-services%2Frural-cooperative-development-grant-program>"
<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program>

May 30 Native American Micro Enterprise Business Services

This U.S. Small Business Administration program supports entities currently funded by the Office of Native American Affairs for Native American Micro Enterprise Business Services for innovative projects promoting the development, success, and long-term survival of Native American firms located in areas with a high population of Native Americans.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Nonprofit or for profit organizations in existence continually for at least the past three years. **LINK TO RFP:** <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=293459>

05/31/2017 [What Energy Project Is Right for My Tribe?](https://energy.gov/indianenergy/events/expanding-tribal-energy-development-through-partnerships-webinar-what-energy)

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Attendees will learn how to identify the appropriate energy project, whether it's a small renewable energy project for a single tribal residence or building, a tribal community project, or a utility-scale project requiring transmission interconnection and off-take through a power purchase agreement. Speakers will explore the pros and cons of ownership and leasing, the differences among various renewable and conventional technologies, and potential project barriers. Speakers will also share information on tools and resources available to help tribes evaluate options and move forward.

June 6-7 Maintenance Training Bismarck, ND Trainer: Wayne Mundy
Registration: HYPERLINK "<http://newregistration.firstpic.org/maintenance/index.php>" <http://newregistration.firstpic.org/maintenance/index.php>

June 6-7 Procurement Training Olympia, WA
Registration: "http://newregistration.firstpic.org/procEventDetails_Procurement_Olympia_WA_June-2017.pdf"

June 6-8 TRIBAL FINANCIAL MANAGER CERTIFICATION Tempe, AZ
TFMC is a 3-day training that provides intensive, hands-on professional development in grant management, indirect cost rates, and tribe-wide budgeting specific to tribal nations. The training is part of the Tribal Economic Leadership Program, held on the Arizona State University campus. **Attendees will learn:**

Principles of federal Indian law and its effect on tribal financial management

Government accounting standards and principles

Compliance with the OMB Uniform Guidance

Effects of federal, state, and tribal taxation on tribal financial management

Best practices for internal controls and procurement policies

Key tools for developing and managing budgets

Emerging financial issues in Indian Country

Program Fees: \$1,700 - NAFOA Member Tribe Price; \$1,850 - Non-Member Price

For more info. on the Tribal Financial Manager Certification training, HYPERLINK "http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001pjPAenuBG2M_XZmKnjjotiky-x_nUmLH0hsfB53trZHroD5T-vThYS CdQtY88TUjgEGo9Lgu-CCPsmIDSteBI80-YSNJcvQ32A14T5jandgRp7W5SqirJqlvCvU472bMKkxMkisWyPTFlaOCM81v1l_1WpoC8AkoLSXzflgbCWZcV3fyNCD2qtXujyCQgIaGKO855Z2H0y35WeGx3TQy45Qyticlt_YLy-6BSWexVbTtWkUusm6_U_L_K_Q_w_F_g_l_H_c-sD54Ndo9oujss=&c=h9bDzJvRFfh7QsrqoxSyDQ6C9l0ziTcWNU0ghVHxkW_FVUUGuQoHbA==&ch=fm9Y3HFc1jkzV5HbHSH5gQ2u1rRle1pkRSpaNngyxT9ed0j2_M8Ssg==" \t "_blank" [visit our website.](#)

June 13-15 NAHASDA Essentials Albuquerque, NM
Registration: <http://www.firstpic.org/events/>

June 20-22 Financial Management Chicago, IL Registration:
HYPERLINK "<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=49hjrd9ab.0.0.x6l8fddab.0&id=preview&r=3&p=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.regonline.com%2Fbuilder%2Fsite%2FDefault.aspx%3FEventID%3D1976900>" \t "_blank" [Click here](#)

June 27-29 10th Annual Arizona American Indian Youth Conference on Health and the Environment - Flagstaff, AZ

This year's theme is *Native Youth Wellness: Taking Care of Your Health and the Environment*. Conference is designed for American Indian youth ages 12 - 19 and provides information to motivate and encourage youth to take responsibility for their overall health and become better stewards of the environment.

During the conference, youth will:

- Learn about health promotion & making healthy choices through fun & interactive workshops;
- Bring awareness that people's health and well-being are directly connected to how we all treat the land, air & water;
- Prepare for higher education & become oriented to

the Northern Arizona University. For more info., contact Glenda Tovar at (602) 258-4822 or HYPERLINK "<mailto:glenda.tovar@itcaonline.com>" glenda.tovar@itcaonline.com

June 27-29 Admissions, Occupancy & Maintenance Sacramento, CA
Registration: HYPERLINK "<http://www.firstpic.org/events/>" <http://www.firstpic.org/events/>

June 28-29 Southwest Hepatitis C Tribal Summit Albuquerque, NM
Southwest Hepatitis C Tribal Summit. For more info., contact Elton Naswood at HYPERLINK "<mailto:tribal@minorityhealth.hhs.gov>" tribal@minorityhealth.hhs.gov. HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Hughes Healthcare Disparities Group, in collaboration with the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board and Begaye Consulting.

June 9 (Round 2) COLLABORATIVE ACTION GRANTS

Enterprise's "<http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/solutions-and-innovation/design-leadership/design-grants>" \t " _blank" [Collaborative Action Grants](#) provide organizations with \$5,000 to build community agency, engage local voices, and connect to long-term community goals. We are offering two rounds of grants in 2017. Applicants should be prepared to complete the Collaborative Action within 6 months of grant notification. More info: HYPERLINK "<https://enterprisedesign.slideroom.com/> [Application](#)

June 30 Community Assistance in Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service
Funding amount: The National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. Our national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partners with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities. Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National Parks and other Federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations. Full details "<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>" [here](#).

Funding Sources without Deadlines

Open Rural Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees (USDA)

Broadband Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by Rural Utility Service (RUS) Telecommunications visit: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs>

Open Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)

Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm>

Open Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program (RCAC)

Rural Community Assistance Corporation's (RCAC) Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program helps create, improve or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems and other facilities that serve rural communities. RCAC's loan programs provide the early funds small rural communities need to determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &/or federal program funding. May also provide interim construction financing, and intermediate & long-term loans for system improvements. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT: Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments. ELIGIBLE AREA: Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or

less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste & storm water facilities. Contact Mike Carroll at mcarroll@rcac.org or visit www.rcac.org

Open Indian Land Tenure Foundation - Land Recovery Efforts

The Foundation provides funding to Indian nations to support various aspects of land recovery with a focus on reacquiring alienated federal lands. Returning lands to Indian ownership and control is important to ensure that Indian people have access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. The Foundation supports a variety of initiatives to assist tribes in the development of plans to reacquire reservation lands. More info. at: <https://www.iltf.org/grants/special-initiatives/land-recovery-efforts>

Open USDA WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS & GRANTS

[Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program](#) provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. Eligible Applicants: state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. How to Apply: apply now by using the online application tool "

Open Financial Literacy Funding

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Applications accepted year-round



Carson Indian School's first graduating class. June 26, 1901. Miss Belle Van Voris, principal teacher. Class motto, "Not at the top but climbing." (l-r) John Cromwell, Paiute; John P. Jones, Washo; Harrison Diaz, Paiute; Richard E. Barrington, Washo; George Minkey, Washo; Jiffery Bender, Washo; John Minkey, Washo. (courtesy Lucy Wright Collection)

Silver State Opportunity Grant Program [Click to view the SSOG year one report 2016-17 Awards](#)

As of the initial awarding date, each campus will award available funds in the order of need, beginning with eligible students who have a zero EFC (Expected Family Contribution)--and therefore the most need--and working up to higher EFCs (up to a maximum of 8500) until funds are exhausted. There are not sufficient funds to award all eligible students.

Background

The Silver State Opportunity Grant Program (SSOG Program) is a state-supported financial aid program created by the 2015 Legislature pursuant to [Senate Bill 227](#) (Chapter 387, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*). Under the SSOG Program, need based grants will be awarded to eligible low income students who are college-ready to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). This unique program is built on a shared responsibility model and guided by a philosophy for awarding grant aid based on the total cost of attendance (tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other living expenses) being shared by partners (the state, federal government, family, and the student).

The 2015 Legislature appropriated funds to support the program under [Senate Bill 514](#) (Chapter 534, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*). The sum of \$2.5 million for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and \$2.5 million for Fiscal Year 2016-17 were appropriated to NSHE for the purpose of the SSOG Program.

The SSOG Program is designed to ensure eligible low-income students can afford to go to college. Unfortunately, Nevada is last in the nation in terms of college affordability with respect to median family income for students attending two year institutions. The total unmet need for all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions in 2012-13 was \$434.5 million, based on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filers who enrolled and completed their financial aid files. This unmet need figure represents the unfunded gap that students must make up on their own to cover the total cost of education. The reality is that many low income students cannot make up that unfunded gap and therefore choose not to pursue a degree or credential.

Students from low-income families are a growing share of K-12 and higher education enrollments in Nevada. Students from the lowest income families have the lowest high school graduation rates, the lowest college continuation rates, and the lowest bachelor's degree attainment rates. Nevada's participation rate for students from low income families was 44th in the nation at 28.6 percent in 2012—well below the national average of 39.4 percent (Postsecondary Education Opportunity, September 2013, *College Participation Rates for Students from Low-Income Families by State, 1993-2012*). The SSOG Program is an aggressive first step to encouraging more low income students to attend college and earn a degree or credential of value.

Who is Eligible?

Eligible institutions include NSHE community colleges and state college:

- [Nevada State College](#)
- [College of Southern Nevada](#)
- [Great Basin College](#)
- [Truckee Meadows Community College](#)
- [Western Nevada College](#)

To be eligible for an SSOG award, a student must:

- Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate;
- Enroll in at least 15 credit hours that apply to the student's chosen program of study;
- Be college ready based on placement or completion of entry-level, college-level mathematics and English*;
- Be classified as a resident for tuition purposes;
- Meet institutional Title IV financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements; and
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 8500 or less.

To be considered "college-ready" for the purpose of SSOG Program eligibility, a student must be
1) currently or previously enrolled in a 100 or above level mathematics and English course, 2)

placed into a college-level course under institutional placement policies for placement into at least Math120 and English 101, or 3) previously successfully completed remedial coursework (evident by a C or better in Math 096 and/or English 098).

Completion of the FAFSA is a critical step toward receiving an SSOG award. Funds for the SSOG Program are limited and are awarded to the students with the most financial need first. In other words, funds are awarded to eligible students in ascending EFC order, starting with 0 EFC up to 8500 EFC, until funds are exhausted. Financial need is based on the expected family contribution is determined through completion of the FAFSA.

Students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree are not eligible for the SSOG award.

How is the Award Calculated?

The SSOG program is modeled on a shared responsibility philosophy for awarding grant aid where the award is based on the total cost of attendance (tuition and fees and living expenses) being shared by partners (the state, federal government, family, and the student). The shared responsibility model is based on best practices and described in detail in a report published by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education, titled [States in the Driver's Seat: Leveraging State Aid to Align Policies and Promote Access, Success, and Affordability](#).

The SSOG award amount is calculated by subtracting from the total cost of attendance the student contribution; expected family contribution (determined from completion of the FAFSA); and federal awards received (including the Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and the federal TEACH grant). The amount remaining, up to \$5,500 annually, is the SSOG award amount.

2015-16 Total Cost of Attendance* for the Purpose of the SSOG Program

Living off campus and not with parent: \$18,233

Living with parent: \$12,088

Living on campus: \$15,175

*Based on the average of COA amounts for the eligible institutions

2016-17 Cost of Attendance and Student Contribution update coming soon.

As the principle beneficiary, the student is expected to contribute toward his/her own education costs. The student contribution for 2015-16 is set at \$5,500 and is based on the expectation of a reasonable work commitment (15 hours of employment throughout the year less estimated federal income tax). The reasonable work commitment is solely used for the purpose of determining the student share under the SSOG calculation and should in no way be construed as requiring a student to seek or obtain employment as a condition of eligibility for the SSOG award. The student share may be covered by a number of other sources, including but not limited to: student earnings or savings; private, institutional, state or federal scholarships (including the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship); veterans educational benefits; student loans; and financial assistance from family or friends.

Continuing Eligibility

Students who receive an SSOG award remain eligible for future semesters providing they

complete a minimum of 15 credits during the semester they received the award and continue to meet Title IV Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements. However, SSOG awards are made according to program requirements on an annual basis, and maintaining eligibility is not a guarantee of receiving an SSOG award in future years. SSOG recipients who wish to receive an award in subsequent years are encouraged to file their FAFSA and complete all additional requirements as early as possible (see "2016-17 Awards" above).

Students who receive an SSOG award and either do not complete 15 credits or fail to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress lose eligibility for future semester, except as provided below. Students who are not making Satisfactory Academic Progress may appeal with the financial aid office at their institution and, if their appeal is approved, will be eligible for continued SSOG funding. However, not completing 15 credits is not an appealable condition. Students may regain eligibility for SSOG funding in future semesters by completing 15 credits in a single semester without the grant and maintaining Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress. Regaining eligibility, however, is not a guarantee of receiving an SSOG award in future semesters.

<https://www.nevada.edu/ir/page.php?p=ssog>

Internet Vigilance

President Trump signed a long-awaited order on [protecting federal agencies and critical infrastructure from cyberattack](#). There are 16 sectors defined as critical, including energy, transportation, water, dams, communications, and others.

The order encourages agencies to share information about threats and vulnerabilities. It also mandates a stack of reports on risk and preparedness: botnet attacks, an attack on electrical grids, deterring attacks, international cooperation, and budget priorities.

In context: [The water sector prepares for cyberattacks](#).

Water Supplies Highlighted in Arctic Council Declaration

At a government ministers' meeting on the Arctic, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson [signed the Fairbanks Declaration](#), which indirectly endorses government action on climate change, including support of the Paris Agreement.

One of the declaration's 46 provisions adopts the recommendations of the [Snow, Water, Ice, and Permafrost in the Arctic report](#), an assessment conducted by the Arctic Council's scientific working group. The report recommends that the council's eight member countries lead a global effort to implement the Paris Agreement and to help Arctic communities adapt to new climate conditions.

Today's Videos [VIDEO: A Vertical Farm Grows in Newark](#)

AeroFarms is a farming company that grows produce indoors without sun, soil or pesticides. In this 360° video, step inside one of its vertical farms, which grows kale, arugula and other greens in Newark.

New census tool for quickly looking up info for Tribal areas: www.census.gov/tribal

Also, here is an update from the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis regarding the ong

[Annette George](#) going work of the National Native Homeownership Coalition:

Congratulations to Andrea Martinez of Walker River who graduated from POST

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT) is once again sponsoring an OSHA 10, 1st Aid, CPR, & AED certificate classes in June. Classes are FREE to Native Americans.

See attached flyer for details. Pre-Registration is required. TANF Clients: Contact your case manager to add to your FSP and to arrange transportation.

In Nevada, OSHA 10 is required for any person stepping foot on a construction project. Even if there isn't a current interest in the construction trades, an OSHA 10 certification can still be a valuable skill-set to add to a resume. It might even create an interest and there are many jobs/careers currently available in the construction trades. Both days are required for your certificates.



Questions??? Please give me a call.

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Joy in Duckwater!

Thanks to Annette George with commentary by

[Douglas Gunderson](#): “No better way to grow up than on a horse