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MEDIA ADVISORY

Assistant Secretary Anderson to be Featured at National Indian Programs Training Center Groundbreaking and Event to Honor New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs David W. Anderson will be in Albuquerque, N.M., on Wednesday, October 27, to lead a delegation in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new National Indian Programs Training Center. The delegation of the nation's top Indian Affairs officials will also be joined by New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici, who will be honored in ceremonies dedicating Bureau of Indian Affairs offices on the Albuquerque site as the Pete V. Domenici Indian Affairs Building.

"This new facility in Albuquerque is one part of the important commitment this administration is fulfilling to Indian country," Assistant Secretary Anderson said today. "The federal employees at the Department of the Interior who serve Indian people are primarily tribal members themselves. This training center will prepare our current and future employees to provide improved service to Indian country. I am pleased to join in this special tribute to Senator Pete Domenici. This gathering will be in recognition of his distinguished service to all of the people of the United States and New Mexico."

In addition to Senator Domenici, Assistant Secretary Anderson will be joined by Special Trustee for American Indians Ross O. Swimmer and Amadeo Shije, chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, to honor Senator Domenici in dedicating the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices on the Old Indian School grounds across from the All Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

After the ceremony there will be an open house and entertainment throughout the afternoon. The ceremony is sponsored by the Indian Pueblo Federal Development Corporation.

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony for the National Indian Programs Training Center and dedication of the Pete V. Domenici Building.

WHO: Senator Pete V. Domenici, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs David W. Anderson and Special Trustee for American Indians Ross O. Swimmer.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. (local time).

WHERE: 12th Street and Menaul N.W., Albuquerque, N.M. (across from the All Indian Pueblo Cultural Center).

CREDENTIALS: This invitation is extended to working media representatives, who are required to display sanctioned media credentials for admittance to the event.

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