



Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness

Return on Investment for Indian Tribes

Why should American Indians attend a Meta-Leadership Summit?

The Meta-Leadership Initiative offers a unique opportunity for American Indians to learn skills needed for effective action during times of crisis and to enrich connections with others that can strengthen tribes' preparedness for responding to emergencies. Through the initiative, American Indians will be able to share their voices, educate others about their needs and resources, meet business, government, nonprofit and philanthropic leaders with whom it otherwise might be difficult to connect, and become part of a community-based leadership network that is dedicated to preparedness, response and recovery.

How can tribes and pueblos in New Mexico set an example for other American Indians?

New Mexico's recent State-Tribal Collaboration Act aims to promote and strengthen the relationship between the state and sovereign tribes and pueblos in New Mexico. The Meta-Leadership Summit will connect American Indians with leaders outside their usual boundaries to better protect Indian people, as well as families, organizations and communities across the state. By participating, American Indians will underscore that they are part of the leadership community, and model effective leadership for other American Indian leaders nationwide.

What benefits will American Indians experience by attending the Summit?

American Indians who participate in the summit will:

- Learn and practice the language of meta-leadership along with other leaders across sectors
- Identify new partnerships not only with government but also business and nonprofits that can be leveraged before, during and after a crisis
- Join a network of individuals committed to enhancing community readiness for an emergency
- Ensure that American Indians are prepared to protect Indian people in the event of an emergency or disaster
- Educate others about the preparedness, response and recovery needs – and resources – of tribes and Indian Country
- Learn how to influence decision-makers over whom they have no authority
- Hear commitments that leaders from all sectors make to advance collaborative leadership
- Pave the way for ongoing conversations about tribal needs and issues beyond preparedness, response and recovery

For more information: www.meta-leadershipsummit.org