

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
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2024 Indian Preference & Procurement Conference
July 30 – August 1, 2024
Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Resort
Cherokee, North Carolina

Day 1 – Tuesday, July 30, 2024

7:30 AM	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
8:30 AM	Posting of Colors: <i>Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143</i> Singers/Host Drum: <i>Crazy Nation Singers</i> Invocation: <i>Miss Cherokee Scarlett Guy</i> Welcome - <i>Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Invited)</i>
9:00 AM	Keynote – General Contracting - <i>Chris James, President & CEO</i> <i>National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development</i>
10:00 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
10:15 AM	Legal Updates: State of section 8(a) law, SCOTUS case: <u>Ultima Services Corp. v. USDA SBA</u> <i>(Invited)</i>
11:15 AM	Implementing & Enforcing the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill of 20xx <i>OFCCP (Invited)</i>
12:15 PM	<i>LUNCH – Buffet (Separate room)</i>
1:15 PM	Overview of HUB Zone, WOSB & SDVOSB (set-asides) <i>SBA Business Opportunity Specialist, Charlotte, NC (Invited)</i>
2:15 PM	Entrepreneurial Spirit - State of the 8(a) Law & Opportunities in Bonds & Loans <i>NC PTAC (invited)</i>
3:15 PM	<i>BREAK</i>
3:30 PM	Finding the Entrance into Federal Contracting Opportunities <i>Local Federal Agencies (Invited)</i>
4:30	Adjourn
9 AM – 4 PM	Trade Show – and local crafts sales Focus on File Management: XTIRI Corn Hole Game sponsored by the EBCI TERO Mother Town Healing Program
2 PM – 4 PM	Seed to Sale Cannabis Tour - Qualla Enterprises, LLC (limited seating - must sign up) Pick up in front of hotel, drive to Cooper's Creek then to dispensary & back to hotel.
5:30 PM – 8 PM	Evening Reception – Low Country Boil (Seafood & Chicken) @ The Pool

Day 2 – Wednesday, July 31, 2024

7:30 AM	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
8:30 AM	Tribal Sovereignty & Indian Preference <i>TBD (Invited)</i>
10:00 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
10:15 AM	Tribal Implementation of Indian Preference <i>TBD – Panel (Invited)</i>
11:15 AM	Tribal OSHA <i>Tribal TOSHA (Invited)</i>
12:15 PM	LUNCH – Buffet (<i>Separate room</i>)
1:15 PM	Activating Tribal Sovereignty: Creating Tribal LLC codes & Tribal Owned 8(a) <i>Panel (Invited)</i>
2:15 PM	Best Practices for developing supply chains in entrepreneurial firms. Focus: Women in Supply Chain – advocating equality within supply chain <i>TBD</i>
3:15 PM	<i>BREAK</i>
3:30 PM	Focus on File Management - XTIRI Cloud-Based Solutions <i>TBD</i>
4:30 PM	Adjourn
9 AM – 4 PM	Trade Show – and local crafts sales Corn Hole Game sponsored by the EBCI TERO Mother Town Healing Program
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Day 3 – Thursday, August 1, 2024

7:30 AM	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
8:30 AM	Indian Business Development <i>Panel (Invited)</i>
9:30 AM	Tribal Procurement <i>Panel (Invited)</i>
10:30 AM	<i>BREAK</i>
10:45 AM	Sustainability & Mentoring Tribal Businesses <i>TDB (Invited)</i>
11:45 PM	Closing & Adjournment <i>Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143</i> <i>Singers/Host Drum: Crazy Nation Singers</i>

Happy Trails!