

## DAY 1 :: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

- 7:30 AM *CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST*
- 8:30 AM Opening Ceremony  
**Posting of Colors:** *Steve Youngdeer Post 143*  
**Singers/Host Drum:** *Crazy Nation*  
**Invocation:** *Miss Cherokee Moira George*  
**Morning Song:** *Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther & Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee*  
**Welcome:** *Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians*
- 9:00 AM Greetings from the SBA  
*Allen Thomas, Regional Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration*
- 9:15 AM Emerging Technology Trends and Indian Opportunities  
*Jerry L. Bowman RCDD, NTS, RTPM, CISSP, CPP, CDCDP, DCAF, President, Kituwah Systems, LLC*
- 10:15 AM *BREAK*
- 10:30 AM GSA Tribal Relations  
*Julie D. Ramey, Tribal Government Liaison, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy, Integrity & Workforce, U.S. Government Services Administration*
- 11:00 AM Overview of 8(a), HUB Zone, WOSB & SDVOSB  
*Aregnaz Mooradian, Deputy District Director – North Carolina District, U.S. Small Business Administration*
- 12:00 PM LUNCH & Learn (Buffet) :: Snapshot of EBCI American Indian Businesses  
*EBCI member-owned businesses - Invited*
- 1:15 PM Activating Tribal Sovereignty: Creating Tribal LLC Codes & Tribal Owned 8(a)  
*Samuel T. Owl, Jr., Executive Director, Kituwah, LLC*  
*Terry Mogensen, Kituwah Global Government Group (KG3)*  
*Michael McConnell, Attorney General, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians*
- 2:15 PM The Benefit of Working Together: Entity Owned Partnering with Individually Owned Native Owned Businesses  
*Lillian Sparks Robinson, Native American Contracting Company*
- 3:15 PM *BREAK*
- 3:30 PM American Indian Business Development  
*Sean Ross, Secretary of Commerce, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians*  
*Russ Seagle, Chief Executive Officer, The Sequoyah Fund, Inc.*
- 4:30 PM *Adjourn*

*Join us!*

≡ *Evening Reception – Casual Attire* ≡

*Low Country Boil (Seafood & Chicken)*

*5:30 PM – 8 PM*

## DAY 2 :: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

- 7:30 AM *CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST*
- 8:30 AM Human Resources: Preparing for Tribal Workforce for the Future  
*Kelly Gambrell, Talent Acquisition Specialist, Kituwah Government Global Group, LLC.*
- 9:30 AM Legislative Update – Infrastructure + Related Legislation  
*Shenan Atcitty, Atcitty Van Norman, LLC*
- 10:30 AM *BREAK*
- 10:45 AM Indian Preference & Tribal Sovereignty  
*Bernice C. Delorme, General Counsel, Council for Tribal Employment Rights (CTER) and Northern Plains TERO Coalition*
- 12:00 PM LUNCH & Learn (Buffet) :: Snapshot of EBCI American Indian Businesses  
*EBCI member-owned TERO Vendors - Invited*
- 1:15 PM Tribal Implementation of Indian Preference  
*Warren Harjo, Muscogee Creek Contracting & Employment Support Services, Muscogee Nation  
Jacob Crowe, Compliance Manager, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TERO  
Tashina Kalonaheskie, Job Bank Coordinator, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TERO*
- 2:15 PM TOSH: Best Practices for Establishing a Tribal Occupational Safety & Health  
*Kimberly Turnipseed, Director & Trainer, Tribal Occupational Safety & Health, Puyallup Tribe*
- 3:15 PM *BREAK*
- 3:30PM Tribal Procurement Panel: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
*Moderator: Lucia Hernandez, CDP Associate, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort  
James Crowe, Procurement Manager, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - Invited  
Daryl D. Martin, Procurement Manager, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority  
Shannon Hicks, Regional Senior Buyer, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort*
- 4:15 PM Focus on File Management: XTIRI Cloud-Based Solutions  
*Rebecca Shillander, Client Relations, XTIRI  
Taylor Cox, Director of Business Relations, XTIRI*
- 5 PM *Adjourn*

≡ *Enjoy your evening!* ≡

**DAY 3 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

7:30 AM      *CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST*

8:30 AM      Existing and New Resources for Native Business From the SBA  
*Jackson Brossy, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs, U.S. Small Business Administration*

9:30 AM      Tribal Sovereignty, Equal Protection & Federal Contracting  
*Mark Van Norman, Atcitty Van Norman, LLC*

10:30 AM     *BREAK*

10:45 AM     *Wrap up*  
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12:00 PM     *Happy Trails!*

≡ *Inspiration ~ Networking ~ Quotes* ≡



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