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## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

We are writing to request your comments and recommendations for filling the BIA Regional Director, Alaska Region position in Anchorage, Alaska. Resumes are being provided for the following candidates:

Weldon "Bruce" Loudermilk  
Bryan Rice

To advise us in making a final selection, please provide your comments of the candidates in order of choice, if possible. Also, please let us know if you do not wish to support either of the candidates above. We will give due consideration to your comments and recommendations in making a final decision to fill the Regional Director position.

We appreciate your close review of the enclosed resumes and your comments regarding the appointment of an Alaska Regional Director. We would appreciate the submission of your recommendations to us no later than close of business **Friday, February 22, 2013**, at the following address: U.S. Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Office of the Deputy Director, Field Operations; Mail Stop 4606-MIB; 1849 C Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20240. Please address your recommendations to the attention of Ms. Starr Penland of our staff. You may also fax your recommendation(s) to us at (202) 208-6334.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Smith  
Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations

Enclosures