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## **Forest County Potawatomi Withdraws Membership in National Indian Gaming Association**

The Forest County Potawatomi Community (FCPC) has withdrawn its' membership in the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) over concerns with how the organization has handled issues related to off-reservation casino developments.

NIGA was established in 1985 to be a voice for all members on Indian gaming issues and tribal community development and has never publicly advocated for or against specific off-reservation casino proposals. Unfortunately, it has come to FCPC's attention that a number of NIGA's consultants and contractors have significant involvement in a controversial off-reservation casino project in Wisconsin which compels the Tribe to question the neutrality of the organization. FCPC questions how NIGA can remain neutral on off-reservation gaming projects when NIGA's consultants are simultaneously employed to advocate for them.

The FCPC were longtime members of NIGA and a major contributor to the ongoing renovation of the association's Capitol Hill headquarters.

*The Forest County Potawatomi Community is a federally recognized Native American tribe located in Northeastern Wisconsin with a membership of about 1,400. The Potawatomi operate several tribal enterprises, including casinos in Milwaukee and Carter, Wisconsin, and a Health & Wellness Center in Crandon, Wisconsin. The tribe employs approximately 3,500 people in its government operations, casino operations, social services and additional business. For more information on the Potawatomi, please visit [www.fcpotawatomi.com](http://www.fcpotawatomi.com).*

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