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FROM THE PUBLISHER

The 24th Annual Reservation Economic Summit – RES 2010 – was very well attended, with 350+ exhibitors and over 3,000 attendees. The workshops were informative and focused on new opportunities for Native enterprises selling to government and big business. Congratulations to the NCAIED on hosting such a successful show!

This month's Road Trip took us to Northern Quest Resort & Casino located in Airway Heights, Washington – one of the newest and most tech-savvy resorts. With its hotel and state-of-the-art amenities for business meetings, or for guests having fun, along with a remarkable level of customer service, Northern Quest earns the status of a premier resort destination.

Also in this issue, our Ask the Experts features marketing executives from eight casinos discussing how the economy is affecting their properties and how they are adapting their marketing strategies. And with the arrival of spring in most parts of the country, we pick up with our golf feature showcasing seven more courses from across the nation. Each offers unique and challenging golf and a variety of amenities and services.

We are gearing up for NIGA's Indian Gaming 2010 Tradeshow & Convention held April 6-9 in San Diego, California. Billed as the industry's premier event, the show will provide a number of informative workshops and training sessions, a dynamic exhibit hall and three golf tournaments.

On a sad note, Indian Country recently lost two of its leaders, Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and Chairwoman Laura Spurr of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. Both helped shape the economic development of their respective tribes and made invaluable contributions to Indian Country. They leave behind legacies of visionary leadership, and will be terribly missed – never forgotten.



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