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FROM THE PUBLISHER

In this issue, we take a closer look at Internet gaming. With so much at stake for tribes and Indian Country, the only real certainty is that the decisions made by tribes, regulators, state governments and the federal government in the coming years will have a resounding impact on the gaming landscape in the U.S. for a very long time. With uncertainty comes the potential for opportunity, and through planning, communication and strategic alliances, Indian Country has the potential to capitalize on I-gaming if and when it becomes legalized in the U.S. But no matter what the future holds, people have an insatiable need for human interaction and real world experiences.

The I-gaming offerings could help Indian casinos market their brands to larger audiences, grow their customer-bases through free games, and if I-gaming is to be legalized, could create new revenue streams. Some believe it could negatively impact brick-and-mortar casinos and hurt tribal properties. No matter what, it is clear that tribes must have "a seat at the table," as Congressman Tom Cole (R - OK) emphasized to us in the January edition of *Indian Gaming*, and be actively involved in shaping the strategy and policy for the future potential of I-gaming in the U.S.

To shed some more light on the topic, in this issue we feature "Speak Out" by W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman & CEO of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. Chairman Allen brings his immense experience and knowledge in tribal gaming and tribal government in his discussion of I-gaming, and what it means for tribes. In addition, we spoke with executives from the top game technology companies ready to go 'on the record' to discuss their company's viewpoints on the topic.

Next up, we head to our industry's biggest annual event, NIGA's Indian Gaming 2012, held at the San Diego Convention Center April 1-4. If you are able to make it to San Diego next month, be sure to stop by and say hello!



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