



National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference



February 13, 2026

To: Indian and Native American WIOA Section 166/Public Law 102-477 Grantees
From: NINAETC Site Selection Committee
Re: **2027 NINAETC SITE NOMINATIONS/SELECTION**

The following are the site selection procedures for the 46th National Indian & Native American Employment and Training Conference scheduled for June 1-4, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Sacramento, California.

GUIDELINES FOR 2027 SITE NOMINATIONS

A city or geographic area may be nominated by one grantee OR a group of grantees that wish to work together to host the 47th NINAETC to be held in 2027.

Please carefully review the Site Considerations to ensure that your city/area can meet the requirements for the 2027 NINAETC. The list of Site Considerations is intended as a guide for grantees to determine if hotels/convention centers in their area can meet the various requirements of the NINAETC. Of particular importance are guaranteed federal government rates for hotels. By keeping costs as reasonable as possible, the event remains accessible to a majority of grantees. The hotel should also be able to provide adequate and reasonable internet access.

It must be emphasized that the Site Selection Committee will NOT deal directly with hotels, convention centers or chamber of commerce. These dialogues will take place with the NINAETC Executive Committee and the local grantee(s) when the 2027 site is determined.

If you are nominating your city or area and plan to use a video during the site presentation, please advise the Committee to ensure the availability of audio-visual equipment. If a city or area wishes to work with its local convention bureau to sponsor a reception, please advise the committee. The Executive Committee will negotiate with the selected hotel at the appropriate time.

2027 site nominations are due May 19, 2026

Email to training@cimcinc.com or mail to: NINAETC Site Selection Committee
738 North Market Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834
or Fax: (916) 641-6338

SITE SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Indian Native American WIOA Section 166 / Public Law 102-477 Grantee(s) must submit a signed endorsement for the identified city or designated area. The Grantee(s) will specify the commitment of local grantees and staff support for the conference.
2. There also must be the agreement to work closely with the NINAETC Executive Committee, including, but not limited to, federal regulations.
3. All site nominations must be submitted NO LATER THAN MAY 19, 2026, and sent to the Election and Site Selection Committee Chairperson. **NO SITE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE 2026 NINAETC IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.**
4. **TIMELINES:**
 - i. Grantee(s) will be allowed to present information on the endorsed city/state or area during the General Assembly on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. The presentation is the responsibility of the Grantee(s) ONLY and should be no more than twenty (20) minutes in length, including any time required for a video.
 - ii. Each endorsed city/state or designated area will be listed on the official ballot.
 - iii. On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, voting for the site selection will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). **ONLY THE 166/477 PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR A DESIGNEE WHO HAS SUBMITTED AN APPROVED PROXY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.**

- iv. Proxies **must** be on the grantee's organizational letterhead and submitted to the Chairperson of the Election and Site Selection Committee **prior** to 10:00 a.m., the start of voting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.
- v. The winner will be selected by a simple majority of votes. If no site receives a simple majority on the first ballot, the two sites with the most votes will be placed on a run-off ballot. **If a run-off is needed, it will be held on Thursday morning, June 4, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon).** The results will be announced that evening at the banquet.
- vi. If there should be a tie in the run-off voting, the winner will be determined by the Executive Committee.

5. The 2026-2027 NINAETC Executive Committee will coordinate conference planning with the local Grantee(s) and the designated federal partner staff.

VOTING BY PROXY - PLEASE NOTE: ONLY THE 166/477 GRANTEE DIRECTOR OR A DESIGNEE WHO HAS SUBMITTED AN APPROVED PROXY LETTER WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

Proxy letters **MUST** be on the grantee organizational letterhead as stated in the Site Selection Procedures. If you are the 166/477 program director and you will not be attending the 46th NINAETC on June 1-4, 2026, please identify a staff member, board/council member, or another 166/477 program director who will vote on your behalf. Email your proxy letter that includes the full name and title of the person holding your proxy, as soon as possible, to training@cimcinc.com. Proxy information needs to be entered in the voting roster.

Proxy letters will be accepted at the conference site. The proxy letter should be submitted either in person by the designated individual or emailed in by the 166/477 program director. In both cases, proxy letters must be in the possession of the Committee Chair before the start of voting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR UPDATE

If you are a new WIOA Section 166 Director or PL 102-477 Director, please contact the committee immediately at training@cimcinc.com with your full name and appropriate title to update the voting roster. (one vote per grantee)

SITE/FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS

- ❖ Area hotels MUST be able to guarantee the federal per diem lodging rate.
- ❖ Area hotels must be able to provide a block of at least 500 guest rooms (single/double) at area hotels.
- ❖ Area hotels must have available general assembly and banquet space that will accommodate at least 600 people.
- ❖ Area hotels must have 10 to 12 break-out rooms available, each seating up to 60 classroom style.
- ❖ Area hotels should be able to provide space for 20-30 exhibitors/vendors and ensure security of the exhibit area.
- ❖ Sales/Catering staff of hotels should be knowledgeable of federal cost guidelines.
- ❖ Shuttle service should be available to the airport, area shops, events, and other points of interest.
- ❖ Adequate parking facilities with security should be available at little or no cost to attendees.
- ❖ Business services, including copier and electronic communication services, should be available at little or no cost for attendees.
- ❖ Internet access (WI-FI) should be available at little or no cost for attendees, and available for streaming, including virtual presentations.
- ❖ Registration and locked storage areas for conference materials and equipment are required.
- ❖ Ability to provide, at a reasonable cost, audio-visual services, is required.
- ❖ Coordination with the city convention/visitor bureau to provide brochures and/or maps with information on local points of interest and/or events is requested.
- ❖ Ability to meet the Federal safety standards, i.e., fire codes, sprinkler systems, etc. is required.
- ❖ Ability to accommodate individuals with special needs, i.e., dietary, mobility, visual, or auditory, is required.

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2027 SITE GRANTEE ENDORSEMENT

_____, as an Indian and Native American WIOA Section 166 or Public Law 102-477 grantee, endorses the city/area of:

for the 47th National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference to be held in 2027.

Contact has been made with the local convention and visitor bureau (if applicable) and verification has been received that lodging and meeting facilities are available in the area that sufficiently support the requirements of the 47th NINAETC.

In addition to the endorsement of the city/area, arrangements will be made for the following support from our organization/community during the event:

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Signature

Date

166/477 Program Director