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Echo Hawk Names Kevin J. Martin as Director of Indian Affairs' Office of Budget Management

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today announced that he has named Kevin J. Martin, an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma, as Director of the Indian Affairs Office of Budget Management (OBM). The Director, who reports to the Chief Financial Officer for Indian Affairs, is responsible for all aspects of the Indian Affairs budget process including planning, formulation, presentation, justification and execution. His appointment became effective September 26, 2010.

“Kevin Martin brings a wealth of experience with federal budgets at the program, agency and departmental levels, as well as the understanding that Indian Affairs’ unique responsibilities to the federally recognized tribes must be reflected in the budget process,” Echo Hawk said. “I am pleased he has agreed to join my senior management team as Director of the Office of Budget Management for Indian Affairs.”

“I want to thank Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk for this opportunity, for which I am deeply grateful,” Martin said. “I look forward to joining with him in the stewardship of Indian Affairs’ resources, which support our government-to-government relationship with the tribes.”

Prior to his appointment, Martin had been serving since June 2009 as Chief of the OBM’s Division of Education, Law Enforcement and Construction, which provides the full range of budgetary support and services to the Bureau of Indian Education, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services and the Indian Affairs Office of Facilities Management and Construction. Among his responsibilities, Martin advised the Indian Affairs Budget Officer and key IA staff in the formulation, execution and reporting of the IA annual budget within the division’s areas. He also oversaw the administration of the BIA’s appropriations, budget authority and transferred contract authority.

During this time Martin also served as the OBM’s lead on developing and implementing its capability to fulfill the unprecedented resource and obligation reporting requirements connected

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with carrying out the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in Indian Country. As such he headed Indian Affairs' effort to produce real-time ARRA financial data for the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress in keeping with the act's requirements and President Obama's commitment to transparency and accountability.

From August 2007 to May 2009, Martin served as the Budget Officer for the OJS from the BIA's Eastern Regional Office in Nashville, Tenn. As such he provided budgetary support and services including budget justifications, reviewing legislative and budgetary documents, and monitoring and reporting resources to OJS senior leadership.

From March 2004 to July 2007, Martin served as Chief of the OBM Division of Trust and Indian Services in Washington, D.C., where he provided budgetary support and services to the BIA's Office of Trust Services and Office of Indian Services. In addition to his duties, Martin served as the de facto Budget Formulation Officer for all of Indian Affairs where he was responsible for all IA budget formulation policy and procedures, as well as interacting with the DOI budget office and OMB in resolving budget formulation issues. He also advised the IA Budget Officer and key IA staff in the formulation, execution and reporting of the IA annual budget within assigned areas and negotiated directly with senior Departmental budget staff on formulation policies and issues. He also oversaw budget formulation activities by the 12 BIA regional offices as well as the administration of the BIA's appropriations, budget authority and transferred contract authority.

From July 2001 to March 2004, Martin served as a budget analyst in the IA budget office's Branch of Formulation. As such, he was responsible for the preparation and review of multiple sections of annual budget requests to DOI, OMB and Congress. He also coordinated the production of supporting OMB-required schedules, such as the 5-Year Deferred Maintenance and Construction Plan, Exhibit 52, 53 and 54. His duties also included production and review of responses to questions from congressional appropriations committees on IA budget matters.

From July 1996 to July 2001, Martin worked as a senior accountant for Columbia Energy Group in Herndon, Va., where he was responsible for general ledger accounting and financial reporting for a number of power generation projects across the country. His duties included reviewing quarterly budget variances with company executives and facilitating annual reviews performed by external auditors.

Martin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Radford University in Virginia (1996).

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Note to Editors: A photo of Kevin J. Martin may be viewed via the Indian Affairs web site at <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/OPA/Photo/index.htm>.