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**G2E 2008 TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE LOOK INTO FUTURE OF
TRIBAL GAMING WITH FUTURE WATCH SURVEY AND KEYNOTE PANEL**
Event Will Offer a Range of Dedicated Programming for Tribal Gaming Professionals

LAS VEGAS – In recognition of 20 successful years of tribal gaming since the passage of the landmark Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Global Gaming Expo (G2E) 2008 will provide a comprehensive look at the state of Indian gaming today as well as projections for where this burgeoning industry sector is headed. Tribal gaming professionals attending G2E 2008 will benefit from a dedicated keynote address and conference track, tailored networking events and exclusive insights from industry leaders about the future of tribal gaming. G2E 2008, the gaming industry's premier trade show and conference event, is scheduled for Nov. 18-20 at the Las Vegas Convention Center, with the G2E Training & Development Institute, G2E Leadership Academy and Casino Design taking place Nov. 17.

"In light of the 20th anniversary of IGRA, it is exciting to see how tribal gaming has grown and matured, with the tribal gaming sector now being known for some of the world's most renowned casino resort properties," said Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., president and CEO of the American Gaming Association. "Given the current economic downturn, it is more important than ever for Native American gaming professionals, and all gaming professionals, to stay abreast of the issues and trends affecting the industry in order to stay competitive. G2E 2008 offers the perfect opportunity to do just that."

The relationships between Indian gaming operations and surrounding communities will be the focus of this year's tribal gaming keynote, *Change and Challenges: The Tribal-Community Connection*, which will be held Thursday, Nov. 20. After introductory remarks by National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr., J.R. Mathews, vice chairman of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, will moderate this discussion about the variety of economic and community issues facing tribal gaming properties across the country. Panelists also will discuss the proactive measures a number of tribal gaming operations are undertaking to further solidify and build on their strong relationships with surrounding communities. Panelists will include Robert Benavides, governor of Isleta Pueblo, New Mexico; John Guevremont, president and CEO of Native American Contracting Services, LLC; J. Kurt Luger, executive director of the Great Plains Indian Gaming Association; Anthony Miranda, chairman of the California Nations Indian Gaming Association; and Tracie Stevens, senior policy analyst for governmental affairs for the Tulalip Tribes.

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Chairman Stevens also will participate in this year's *State of the Industry* keynote panel on Wednesday, Nov. 19, which will feature some of the most influential leaders in the gaming industry discussing key issues currently affecting the gaming industry, including how the industry can use today's challenging economic climate as a springboard for future growth and innovation.

"For Indian gaming to continue its role as a powerful economic development program for Indian country, tribal gaming professionals must equip themselves with the tools and resources to address challenges raised by the current economic situation," Chairman Stevens said. "With its enhanced focus on Indian gaming issues this year, G2E 2008 will continue to offer valuable, customized professional development and networking opportunities to help tribal gaming professionals build and enhance the success of their gaming operations."

Tribal gaming also will be in the spotlight for this year's installment of the G2E Future Watch Series, *G2E Future Watch: Opportunities for Indian Gaming*. Each year G2E asks industry leaders and analysts to provide their expert perspectives on issues, trends and topics that will be critical to the overall gaming industry in the months and years ahead. For G2E 2008, tribal gaming leaders and experts will weigh in on the future of Indian gaming, and a panel of experts will be present at G2E 2008 to discuss the survey's findings.

The G2E Future Watch session is part of the dedicated Indian Gaming conference track at G2E 2008, which will provide an in-depth look at the latest regulatory issues, the making of successful tribal gaming operations and more. Conference sessions include *Tribal Labor Relations: Union Organizing At Tribal Casinos*; *What Downturn? Growth and Opportunity in Tribal Economics*; *Outside the Box: Alternative Sources of Capital for Tribal Financing*; and *IGRA's Impact: 20 Years of Federal Oversight of Indian Gaming*.

Tribal gaming professionals looking to further develop their professional skills can take advantage of the popular Indian Gaming track at the G2E Training & Development Institute, which is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17. Industry experts will provide practical, hands-on advice about key issues in business operations and regulation.

G2E 2008 also will offer exclusive networking opportunities for tribal gaming professionals such as the G2E Native American Leaders Networking Lunch, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m.

G2E is the leading trade event for the international gaming entertainment community, attended by more than 30,000 industry professionals from around the world. For more information on G2E, and to register for early bird discounts, visit the Web site at www.globalgamingexpo.com.

Global Gaming Expo (G2E) is the international gaming trade show and conference "by the industry and for the industry." Organized by the American Gaming Association (AGA) and Reed Exhibitions, G2E made its debut in fall 2001, defining itself as the pre-eminent show for the gaming-entertainment industry.

The AGA represents the commercial casino-entertainment industry by addressing federal legislative and regulatory issues. The association also serves as a clearinghouse for information, develops educational and advocacy programs, and provides leadership on industry-related issues of public concern.

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