



Pacific Northwest TERO Region

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest TERO Region, we regret to inform you that the **2026 Pacific Northwest TERO Region Fall Conference**, which was scheduled for **October 8–9, 2026**, has **been canceled**.

We understand that many of our TERO programs, Tribal representatives, speakers, partners, and attendees may have already begun making plans to attend, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this cancellation may cause.

The Pacific Northwest TERO Region greatly values the continued participation and support of our regional TERO programs and partners. Our conferences provide an important opportunity for us to come together, strengthen relationships, share information, discuss issues affecting Indian Preference and Tribal Employment Rights, and continue advancing employment, training, apprenticeship, and contracting opportunities for Native people throughout our region.

Although we will not be gathering this October, the Pacific Northwest TERO Region remains committed to continuing our work together, strengthening our regional partnerships, and maintaining communication among our TERO programs.

We look forward to seeing everyone in April 2027 for our **Spring Pacific Northwest Region TERO Conference**. Additional information regarding the conference dates, location, registration, and agenda will be shared as plans are finalized.

Thank you for your understanding, continued support, and commitment to the Pacific Northwest TERO Region. We appreciate each of you and look forward to coming together again in the spring.

Sincerely,

Laatis Lawrence

Vice Chair

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