

# Tribal Interest Work

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## INTRODUCTION

### **Federal Regional Council**

The Federal Regional Council (FRC) is a consortium of nineteen federal Departments and Agencies representing nearly thirty different program offices in Region 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Outer Pacific Islands.) Its goal is to work in a coordinated manner to make Federal programs more effective and efficient in Region 9.

The FRC has four active committees:

- Border
- Tribal Affairs
- Outer Pacific
- Homelessness

The following agencies and departments are members of the FRC:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- General Services Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Small Business Administration
- Social Security Administration

### **Report Overview**

This report was created by the FRC Tribal Affairs Committee to capture all the services, resources, and opportunities that are being offered by FRC members to Native American Communities. There is a lot of work being done to support Tribes and strengthen the government-to-government relationship from the FRC members. The goal of this report is to capture these opportunities in one document and promote transparency of the work being done with Tribes amongst the FRC members. Through this report, agencies can be notified of what resources exist for Native American Tribes and can therefore work

together to support Tribes by collaborating on some work, referring tribes to other resources, and have a comprehensive understanding of the work being done by FRC agencies and departments for Native American Tribes. All the information in this report was directly collected from agency websites and used to organize this report.

### **Report Context**

The report includes a profile for each agency and department that is a member of the FRC and provides the following information:

- Agency/Department
- Tribal Affairs Offices
- Scope of Office Work
- Available Resources for Tribes
- Available Point of Contact as of 6/30/2016
- Contact Information: Address and Website

## **DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

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#### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Tribal Relations

#### *SCOPE OF WORK*

The Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) serves as a single point of contact for Tribal issues and works to ensure that relevant programs and policies are efficient, easy to understand, accessible, and developed in consultation with the American Indians and Alaska Native constituents they impact.

#### *AVAILABLE RESORUCES*

OTR continues to refine the consultation process to ensure strong partnerships that will preserve Tribal sovereignty and is responsible for:

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- Farm Service Agency
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Forest Service
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Rural Development
- Let's Move in Indian Country
- Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Network

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of the Secretary – Native American Affairs

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

The Department's partnerships with tribes and firms that want to do business in Indian Country is led by the Secretary's Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs. The Office of the Secretary's Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs is responsible for (1) coordinating and communicating all Native American issues directly with Tribes and across all the bureaus within the Department of Commerce as well as externally with all other federal agencies; (2) coordinating and implementing the Department's Tribal Consultation Policy Plan and consultation sessions; (3) serving as the primary contact for all Tribal Consultation actions and issues; and (4) serving as the facilitator of the Office of Native American Business Development by assisting and consulting with Indian Country in leveraging the combined efforts of the federal programs, tribal governments, private sector businesses and financing in order to promote economic growth for Tribes and Native Americans.

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

Each bureau within the Department contains resources that can assist tribes in developing their economies and effectively governing themselves.

#### **Economic and Infrastructure Development, Business Resources and Technical Assistance, Market Access**

- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)
- International Trade Administration (ITA)
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- FirstNet

#### **Natural and Cultural Resources Protection**

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
  - NOAA Tribal Relations

#### **Statistical Resources and National Security**

- U.S. Census Bureau
  - American Indian and Alaska Native Resources
- National Technical Information Service (NTIS)

- Economics and Statistics Administration (ESA)
- Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
- Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

### **Intellectual Property**

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

More Resources Found at:

[https://www.commerce.gov/sites/commerce.gov/files/tribal\\_guide\\_to\\_commerce\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.commerce.gov/sites/commerce.gov/files/tribal_guide_to_commerce_-_final.pdf)

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## **U.S. Department of Education**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Elementary and Secondary Education – Office of Indian Education
- White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

#### **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education – Office of Indian Education (OIE)**

The mission of the Office of Indian Education is to support the efforts of local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives so that these students can achieve to the same challenging state standards as all students. The *No Child Left Behind Act* amends the Indian education programs as Title VII, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This landmark in education reform embodies four key principles: stronger accountability for results; greater flexibility in the use of federal funds; more choices for parents of children from disadvantaged backgrounds; and an emphasis on research-based instruction that works.

#### **White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (WHIAIANE)**

The White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education leads the President’s Executive Order 13592, signed December 2, 2011, *Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities*. The Initiative, located within the Department of Education, seeks to support activities that will strengthen the Nation by expanding education opportunities and improving education outcomes for all American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students. It is committed to furthering tribal self-determination and ensuring AI/AN students, at all levels of education, have an opportunity to learn their Native languages and histories, receive complete and competitive educations, preparing them for college, careers, and productive and satisfying lives.

*AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

**WHIAIANE Resources**

<http://sites.ed.gov/whiaiane/files/2012/04/Grants-for-American-Indian-and-Alaska-Native-Students.pdf>

**OIE Resources**

Scholarships and Student Financial Aid for American Indian and Alaska Native Students

- Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Education Programs
- Indian Health Services Scholarship Program
- Gates Millennium Scholars Program
- American Indian College Fund
- American Indian Graduate Center
- Knowledge River, a center for the study of information resources and technology issues related to American Indians and Hispanics at the University of Arizona, received a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Science to recruit more Hispanics and American Indians into library and information science degree programs.

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## **U.S. Department of Energy**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs
- Bonneville Power Administration – Tribal Affairs Office

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

#### **Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (OIEPP)**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is authorized to fund and implement a variety of programmatic activities that assist American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy development, capacity building, and energy cost reduction, and electrification of Indian lands and homes.

The Office of Indian Energy also leverages inter- and intra-governmental coordination and government-to-government partnerships to maximize the return on its investments in the future of Native American communities. This is done via activities such as the Indian County Energy and Infrastructure Working Group, Tribal Energy Summit, and National Strategy for the Arctic Region.

#### **Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)**

BPA is requesting proposals from federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations and educational institutions serving tribes located within the BPA service territory that support tribal youth education programs in the advancement of science, technology, engineering and math. Tribal proposals that include development of science, technology, engineering, and math youth camps, and/or post-secondary school level proposals designed to strengthen the human capital capacity of tribes, promote government-to-government relationships, and increase opportunities for partnerships and mutual benefits in the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System, Federal Columbia River Transmission System, or the integrated Fish and Wildlife Program are preferred.

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

#### **OIEPP**

To advance its mission, the Office of Indian Energy works with American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives to maximize the value of their energy resources through:

- Education and training
- Technical assistance
- Funding.

#### **BPA**

BPA's management of cultural resources takes place against the backdrop of BPA's relationships with the 46 sovereign tribal governments located in the region. Protection of cultural resources such as burial sites,

religious sites, and usual and accustomed gathering areas are of vital interest and importance to the tribes. BPA's Tribal Policy commits the agency to consulting with potentially affected tribes prior to taking actions that could have an adverse impact on them. BPA's Tribal Affairs Program participates in agency-wide cultural resource planning efforts and assists in the development and monitoring of tribal involvement and communication strategies developed for Power, Transmission Business Services and EFW projects and programs. More specifically this involves internal and external tribal involvement in the development of agency Programmatic and other Agreements; monitoring of agency-wide notification, communication, and consultation practices and processes as appropriate.

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BPA: <https://www.bpa.gov/news/Tribal/Pages/default.aspx>

## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

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#### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Indian Health Services (IHS)
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

#### *SCOPE OF WORK*

##### **Indian Health Services**

The Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The provision of health services to members of federally-recognized Tribes grew out of the special government-to-government relationship between the federal government and Indian Tribes. This relationship, established in 1787, is based on Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, and has been given form and substance by numerous treaties, laws, Supreme Court decisions, and Executive Orders. The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for Indian people, and its goal is to raise their health status to the

highest possible level. The IHS provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

### **Administration for Native Americans**

ANA promotes self-sufficiency for Native Americans by providing discretionary grant funding for community based projects, and training and technical assistance to eligible tribes and native organizations. Established in 1974 through the Native American Programs Act (NAPA), the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) serves all Native Americans, including federally recognized tribes, American Indian and Alaska Native organizations, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native populations throughout the Pacific Basin (including American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

#### **IHS**

Resources: <https://www.ihs.gov/aboutihs/indianhealthmanual/>

#### **ANA**

Provides funding in the following program areas:

- Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance (P&M)
- Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance - Ester Martinez Immersion (EMI)
- Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS)
- Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies (SEEDS)
- Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (ERE)
- Social and Economic Development Strategies for Alaska (SEDS-AK)
- Native Language Community Coordination Demonstration Project (NLCC)
- Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment, and Development (I-LEAD)

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## **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Intergovernmental Affairs – Tribal Desk
- FEMA

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

Tribal nations are critical partners in our homeland security efforts, and DHS's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) is committed to strengthening the Department's relationship with tribal nations. IGA's mission is to promote an integrated national approach to homeland security by coordinating and advancing federal interaction with state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments. IGA is responsible for continuing the homeland security dialogue with executive-level partners at the SLTT levels, along with the national associations that represent them; and is the designated lead for tribal relations and consultation at the Department.

DHS's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs developed this guide to highlight some of the DHS resources available to tribal nations to keep our nations safe and secure. The information below summarizes and provides links to training, publications, guidance, alerts, newsletters, programs, and services available from across the Department to federally-recognized tribal nations.

The resource guide is organized by component and resource type, and serves as a starting point for locating DHS resources for tribal leaders and their staff. A comprehensive index is available to facilitate locating resources within the document.

### **FEMA**

Tribal governments and their members are an essential part of our nation's emergency management team. Effective relationships with tribes are necessary to fulfill FEMA's mission of working together to improve our nation's disaster preparedness and response. FEMA is committed to supporting Indian Country in its efforts to build more resilient and better prepared communities.

Along with the need to ensure the safety of tribal communities and tribal lands in the face of disasters, FEMA shares the U.S. government's unique government-to-government relationship with federally recognized tribes. FEMA acknowledges the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes and is committed to enhancing our working relationship with tribal governments to improve emergency and disaster responsiveness throughout Indian Country.

## FEMA Tribal Consultations

To acknowledge and honor the sovereignty of tribal nations, FEMA conducts regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with federally recognized tribes to ensure that FEMA policies and programs address tribal needs.

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

Resource Guide: <https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/DHS-Tribal-Resource-Guide-508.pdf>

FEMA Tribal Resource Guide: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/99643>

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## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

#### ONAP's Mission

- To increase the supply of safe, decent, and affordable housing available to Native American families.
- To strengthen communities by improving living conditions and creating economic opportunities for tribes and Indian housing residents; and
- To ensure fiscal integrity in the operation of the programs it administers.

## *AVAILABLE RESORUCES*

### Funding Programs at HUD

- (NEW) Resources for Mold Remediation and Prevention
- Indian Housing Block Grant
- Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program (Section 184)
- Indian Community Development Block Grant
- Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant
- Native Hawaiian Home Loan Guarantee Program (Section 184A)
- Title VI Loan Guarantee Program

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## **U.S. Department of Labor**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Employment and Training Administration – Indian and Native American Program

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

Division of Indian and Native American Programs (DINAP) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 166 grantees share a vision of providing quality employment and training services to tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian controlled organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations serving unemployed and low income Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

## *AVAILABLE RESORUCES*

The ETA Indian and Native American (INA) programs, authorized under section 166 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), is designed to address the poverty and unemployment, and employment, training, and educational needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

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## **U.S. Department of Interior**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Indian Education
- Bureau of Reclamation – Native American Affairs Office
- Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of the Native American Liaison
- U.S. Geological Survey – Office of Tribal Relations
- Bureau of Land Management

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

#### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Indian Affairs (IA) is the oldest bureau of the United States Department of the Interior. Established in 1824, IA currently provides services (directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts) to approximately 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. There are 567 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives in the United States. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is responsible for the administration and management of 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface minerals estates held in trust by the United States for American Indian, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives. Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) provides education services to approximately 42,000 Indian students.

#### **Bureau of Indian Education**

Formerly known as the Office of Indian Education Programs, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) was renamed and established on August 29, 2006, to reflect the parallel purpose and organizational structure BIE has in relation to other programs within the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. As stated in Title 25 CFR Part 32.3, BIE's mission is to provide quality education opportunities from early childhood through life in accordance with a tribe's needs for cultural and economic well-being, in keeping with the wide diversity of Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages as distinct cultural and governmental entities. Further, the BIE is to manifest consideration of the

whole person by taking into account the spiritual, mental, physical, and cultural aspects of the individual within his or her family and tribal or village context.

### **Bureau of Reclamation – Native American Affairs Office**

The Reclamation Program was established in 1902 to help foster economic development in the 17 Western States by developing and building water supply projects. Today, the Bureau of Reclamation is a contemporary water management agency with numerous programs, initiatives and activities to help meet new water needs and balance the multitude of competing uses of water in the West. Reclamation is committed to increasing opportunities for Indians to develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. The activities supporting these opportunities, sometimes informally referred to collectively as the “Native American Program,” is a collaborative, coordinated, integrated function in Reclamation.

The Native American Affairs Program, which is a formal program funded through the Native American Affairs line item in Reclamation’s budget, is a small but integral part of the overall Native American Program. The Native American and International Affairs Office in the Commissioner's Office serves as the central coordination point for the Native American Affairs Program and lead for policy guidance for Native American issues in Reclamation.

### **Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of the Native American Liaison**

The National and Regional Native American Liaisons combine their backgrounds in wildlife biology, conservation, Indian law and policy to achieve the best possible conservation scenario in Indian Country. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as a bureau of the Department of the Interior, has a mandated obligation to ensure that the federal Indian trust responsibility is fulfilled.

### **U.S. Geological Survey – Office of Tribal Relations**

The USGS has recognized the importance of Native knowledge and living in harmony with nature as complements to the USGS mission to better understand the Earth. Combining traditional ecological knowledge with empirical studies allows the USGS and Native American governments, organizations, and people to increase their mutual understanding and respect for this land. USGS provides information to tribes as part of our basic mission of providing unbiased scientific information to the Nation, and as part of the Federal Trust Responsibility to tribes.

### **Liaison Team**

The USGS Office of Tribal Relations has a Tribal Liaison Team that represents each USGS region/geographic area, scientific mission area, and the bureau as a whole. The Liaison Team continues building new partnerships and strengthening current partnerships with other Federal Agencies, Universities, and numerous tribes throughout the United States.

### **Bureau of Land Management**

Certain rights are guaranteed to Indian tribes and Indian individuals because of their status as Indians. The Constitution of the United States, the treaties executed with some tribes, a comprehensive body of Federal Indian law, and many other laws, executive orders, and secretarial orders define tribes' special status and rights.

Federally recognized Indian tribes are sovereign nations exercising government-to-government relations with the United States. Where the public lands are concerned, these relations usually take the form of legally required consultation, and in most day-to-day consultations with tribes, the BLM field office manager serves as the official representative of the United States.

For BLM, the essential reason for Native American consultation is to identify the cultural values, the religious beliefs, the traditional practices, and the legal rights of Native American people, which could be affected by BLM actions on Federal lands.

#### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

##### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

Programs administered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) include social services, natural resources management on trust lands representing 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface minerals estates, economic development programs in some of the most isolated and economically depressed areas of the United States, law enforcement and detention services, administration of tribal courts, implementation of land and water claim settlements, housing improvement, disaster relief, replacement and repair of schools, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and the repair of structural deficiencies on high hazard dams, the BIA operates a series irrigation systems and provides electricity to rural parts of Arizona.

##### **Bureau of Indian Education**

Programs administered by either Tribes or Indian Affairs through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) include an education system consisting of 183 schools and dormitories educating approximately 42,000 elementary and secondary students and 28 tribal colleges, universities, and post-secondary schools.

Divisions and Programs:

- Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancement Program
- Tribal Education Department Grant Program
- National Board Certification Training
- Johnson-O'Malley
- FACE
- Residential Education
- Safe and Secure Schools (SCAN)
- Special Education
- State School District Directory
- Supplemental Programs (Title)
- Academic Achievement Programs

##### **Bureau of Reclamation – Native American Affairs Office**

Reclamation has a number of programs that provide assistance to federally recognized Indian tribes in the 17 western states to develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. For more

information refer to resources listed here:

[http://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/tehasst\\_activities\\_tap.html](http://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/tehasst_activities_tap.html)

### **Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of the Native American Liaison**

Goal of the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program:

Provide a competitive funding opportunity for federally recognized Tribal governments to develop and implement programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.

Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to Tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat. Activities may include, but are not limited to, planning for wildlife and habitat conservation, fish and wildlife conservation and management actions, fish and wildlife related laboratory and field research, natural history studies, habitat mapping, field surveys and population monitoring, habitat preservation, conservation easements, and public education that is relevant to the project. The funds may be used for salaries, equipment, consultant services, subcontracts, acquisitions and travel.

### **U.S. Geological Survey – Office of Tribal Relations**

- Technical training in Support of Native American Relations Program
- BIA Water Resources Technician Training
- USGS Tribal Relations Training for Employees

### **Bureau of Land Management – Tribal Consultations**

Tribal consultation regarding public-land activities has 4 essential elements:

- Identifying appropriate tribal governing bodies and individuals from whom to seek input.
- Conferring with appropriate tribal officials and/or individuals and asking for their views regarding land use proposals or other pending BLM actions that might affect traditional tribal activities, practices, or beliefs relating to particular locations on public lands.
- Treating tribal information as a necessary factor in defining the range of acceptable public-land management options.
- Creating and maintaining a permanent record to show how tribal information was obtained and used in the BLM's decision making process.

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## **U.S. Department of Justice**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Tribal Justice and Safety
- Office of Tribal Justice

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

#### **Tribal Justice and Safety**

In June 2009, the Justice Department announced the launch of a major new initiative to increase engagement, coordination and action on public safety in tribal communities. The effort was launched with a series of regional summits to seek input from tribal representatives. Planning sessions included department component leaders, tribal leaders and experts in relevant areas to begin talks on a range of important issues including:

- law enforcement policy and personnel;
- communications and consultation;
- grants and technical assistance;
- detention facilities;
- federal prosecution in Indian country;
- tribal court development;
- domestic violence;
- drug courts and substance abuse;
- federal litigation involving tribes; and civil rights.

## **Office of Tribal Justice**

The mission of the Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ) is to provide a principal point of contact within the Department of Justice to listen to the concerns of Indian Tribes and to communicate the Department's policies to the Tribes and the public; to promote internal uniformity of Department of Justice policies and litigation positions relating to Indian country; and to coordinate with other Federal agencies and with State and local governments on their initiatives in Indian country.

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

#### **Tribal Justice and Safety Home**

The Department of Justice launched its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) in Fiscal Year 2010 in direct response to concerns raised by tribal leaders about the Department's grant process that did not provide the flexibility tribes needed to address their criminal justice and public safety needs. The grants will be provided to enhance law enforcement practices and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts in nine purpose areas including public safety and community policing; justice systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; violence against women; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs.

Through CTAS, federally-recognized tribes and tribal consortia are able to submit a single application for most of the Justice Department's tribal grant programs. The Department of Justice designed this comprehensive approach to save time and resources and allow tribes and the Department to gain a better understanding of the Tribes' overall public safety needs. The first coordinated Tribal grant process launched in Fiscal Year 2010, through the collaborative efforts across many department components, bureaus and offices including the:

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison (OIPL)
- Office of Justice Programs (OJP)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and
- Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

The Justice Department has two primary goals in mind with this program: increasing access and streamlining the grant process.

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## **U.S. Department of Transportation**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Legislative and Government Affairs – Tribal Transportation

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

Tribal Transportation is the government-to-government relationship between the Department of Transportation and Tribal governments regarding roads, paths, and bridges which impact land use, culture, economic, social, and/or environmental quality of life for the area covered by a proposed plan.

Tribal Transportation includes the design and development of the project plans; the competitive bidding process for the different contracts associated with the plans; the construction of the plans; and the management and maintenance of the project. All of these components are needed for the building, fixing, or maintenance of roads, bridges, bike paths, and trails.

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) performs its mission of creating the best transportation system in the world for the American people through proactive leadership, innovation, and excellence in service through the following principal programs:

- Federal-Aid Highway Program
- Federal Lands Highway Program
- Indian Reservation Roads

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## **U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs**

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Tribal Governmental Relations

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

The OTGR team works to strengthen and build closer relations between the VA, tribal governments and other key federal, state, private and non-profit partners in an effort to effectively and respectfully serve

Veterans across Indian Country. This work is done in the spirit of government to government consultation and collaboration, respectful of the special relationship that exists between the United States and tribal governments.

OTGR efforts focus on three important goals: facilitating VA's Tribal Consultation Policy, facilitating increased access to health care and promoting economic sustainability (highlighting opportunities for Veterans to access fiscal, educational, housing and other special programs and benefits through the VA).

#### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

N/A

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## **Environmental Protection Agency**

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- American Indian Environmental Office
- Tribal Section Office
- Tribal Air Program
- Tribal Solid Waste Program
- Tribal Clean Water Act Programs
- Tribal Green Building Codes

#### *SCOPE OF WORK*

##### **American Indian Environmental Office**

##### **Tribal Section Office**

EPA Region 9 is committed to helping tribes strengthen their abilities to manage environmental programs in Indian country, and to ensure that tribes have a voice in decisions that affect their land,

air and water. The region serves 148 federally recognized tribes with the states of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

### **Tribal Air Program**

The Air Division provides technical and programmatic assistance to the 148 tribes in EPA's Pacific Southwest Region (Region 9) to promote clean air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to Climate Change. The Air Division can help tribes with air quality planning, permitting, rulemaking, enforcement/compliance, indoor air, monitoring and related technical support, air grants, and climate change.

### **Tribal Solid Waste Program**

EPA's Pacific Southwest Region (Region 9) Tribal Solid Waste Program works with tribal environmental agencies in California, Arizona and Nevada to ensure the safe and effective management of solid waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Solid Waste Program works directly with tribal governments to address solid waste issues, such as cleanup of open dumps, development of integrated solid waste management programs, including composting and recycling, curbside collection, and transfer station development. The program assist tribes in understanding RCRA solid waste and landfill regulations. The program provides technical assistance, training and funding, and facilitate peer networking and community education. As well as assisting tribes with site-specific flexibility determinations for municipal solid waste landfills.

### **Tribal Clean Water Act Programs**

EPA's Region 9 Tribal Water Office manages all grants related to the Clean Water Act for over 100 federally recognized tribes within Region 9. The Tribal Water Office also provides programmatic and technical assistance for water quality standards and for the CWA grant programs.

### **Tribal Green Building Codes**

Tribes, as sovereign nations, have broad opportunities to redefine the purpose, scope, goals and design of their systems to guide and manage construction on tribal lands. Where no building codes are in force, tribes may have reduced control, or be subject to the application of codes that do not support sustainable and healthy building practices.

Building codes in general have definite benefits when properly developed and implemented. The Tribal Green Building Codes Workgroup developed the document, Benefits of Tribal Building Codes that outlines possible benefits for adopting tribal specific building codes for construction and development. Categories of benefits include:

- Health and safety
- Environment
- Tribal Culture and Community Development
- Tribal Sovereignty/Self-Sufficiency
- Economic

### *AVAILABLE RESORUCES*

- Indian General Assistance Program (GAP)

- Regional Tribal Operation Committee
- Tribal Air Funding
- Tribal CWA 106, 319, 104(b)(3), Set-Aside Grants

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## **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**

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*TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- NA

*SCOPE OF WORK*

NA

*AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

NA

*CONTACT INFORMATION:*

Address

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## General Services Administration

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Native American Tribes

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

GSA offers a range of services available to federally recognized Native American Tribes, from surplus property donations to vehicle purchases.

### *AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

GSA Programs available to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Tribally Designated Housing Entity via NAHASDA and ISDEAA:

GSA Global Supply™ Program

Information for Alaska Tribes and Tribal Organizations Multiple Award Schedules Program

Government Wide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs) Program

Network Services and Telecommunications Programs

GSA SmartPay® Program

Travel Programs

Vehicle Buying Program (This program is not a Federal Supply Schedule)

Vehicle Leasing Program

Inquiries concerning GSA actions and policies that affect tribes should be directed to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 501-0563 or [GSACongressionalAffairs@gsa.gov](mailto:GSACongressionalAffairs@gsa.gov).

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## Internal Revenue Service

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### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Indian Tribal Governments

### *SCOPE OF WORK*

**Mission:** to help Indian tribes deal with their federal tax matters.

OITG partners with Indian tribal governments, tribal associations, and other federal agencies to respectfully and cooperatively meet the needs of both the Indian tribal governments and the federal

government and to simplify the tax administration process. Five field groups provide primary front-line service and are aligned to respect tribal affiliations wherever possible. Each field group manages tribal government specialists who work in locations near the seats of tribal governments. Specialists can address issues and provide guidance unique to Indian country. Issues may relate to tribal governments as employers, distributions to tribal members, and the establishment of governmental programs, trusts and businesses.

#### *AVAILABLE RESORUCES*

- Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments
- Tax Programs for Tribes
- Indian Tribal Governments News
- Customer Education and Training for Tribes

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## **Small Business Administration**

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#### *TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

- Office of Native American Affairs

#### *SCOPE OF WORK*

##### **Mission Statement**

The Office of Native American Affairs mission is to ensure that American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians seeking to create, develop and expand small businesses have full access to the necessary business development and expansion tools available through the Agency's entrepreneurial development, lending and procurement programs.

The Office of Native American Affairs is located in the Small Business Administration's headquarters in Washington, DC. Our goal is to promote and support Native American entrepreneurs. ONAA is engaged in numerous outreach activities including tribal consultations, development and distribution of promotional materials, attendance and participation in national economic development conferences.

#### *AVAILABLE RESORUCES*

SBA's Office of Native American Affairs can help ensure Native-owned small businesses have full access to business development and expansion tools. As defined by SBA's regulations, native-owned businesses are presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged. These businesses can apply for the nine-year, 8(a) Business Development Program certification. The 8(a) program helps firms grow their businesses through one-to-one counseling, training workshops, and management and technical guidance. It also provides access to government contracting opportunities, allowing businesses to become solid competitors in the federal marketplace. Business development services, such as counseling and training, are provided by SBA's District Office staff.

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## **Social Security Administration**

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*TRIBAL AFFAIRS OFFICE(S)*

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*SCOPE OF WORK*

NA

*AVAILABLE RESOURCES*

NA

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