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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett today announced that two new Indian employment assistance centers will be opened in Oklahoma within the next two weeks.

To be located in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, the centers will serve as adjuncts to the vocational training and job placement services provided through the Bureau's area offices in Muskogee and Anadarko. Referrals to the new centers for services will be made by the Muskogee and Anadarko offices.

The multiple job opportunities in Oklahoma's two largest cities, and the limited range of opportunities in some of the outlying areas, led to the establishment of the two new offices, Bennett said. Each will be staffed with a placement officer and a family counseling adviser. The short-range goal is to find employment for one Indian a day.

Heads of families as well as single job-seekers will be served through the new offices. The Bureau's training and placement services include aid in finding housing for relocated Indians, and payment of travel and other related expenses entailed in their move.