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John A. Jollie, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe of North Dakota, has been selected as the new coordinator of the Tribal Managers Corps (TMC), a program in the BIA's Division of Self-Determination Services.

The 40-year-old graduate of Eastern Montana College began service with the BIA in 1965 as a social studies teacher on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Jollie has since worked intermittently with the BIA for 10 years, including tours as chief of the Bureau's Manpower Program, and chief of the Division of Legislative Review in the Indian Education office.

From 1970 until 1972, he was an Assistant Director of the National Council on Indian Opportunity, a Nixon Administration council in the office of the Vice President that monitored and responded to a range of Indian issues.

TMC is a program designed to improve tribal self-determination by improving tribal management capabilities. The program makes available to tribes the services of government and private industry managers for periods up to two years.

Jollie's job will be to provide day-to-day direction for TMC. This includes developing work plans and budget justifications, and working with the TMC Interagency Task Force, an advisory group of high-level representatives from Federal agencies and tribal associations.