

Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs) Tribal Consultations

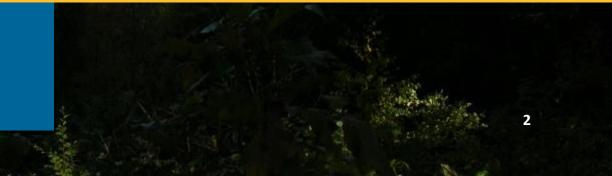
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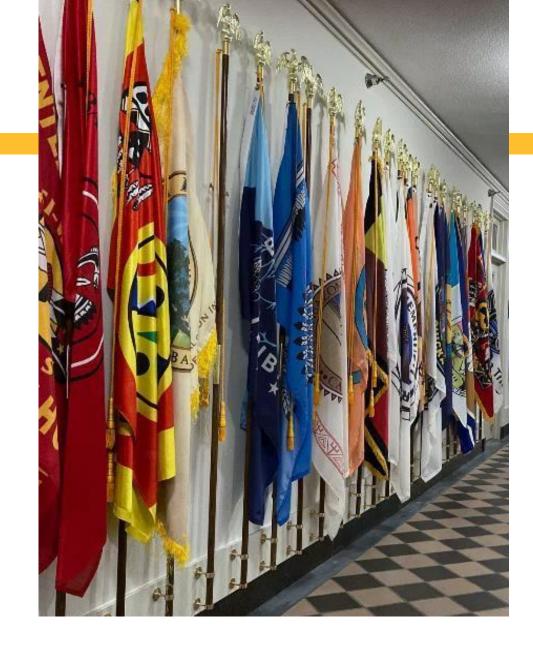


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## Welcome







## Agenda

- Questions to Address
- FY 2021 Joint Explanatory Statement
- Summary of Congressional Intent
- Potential Distribution Options
- Moving Forward

#### **Questions to Address**

- What is an equitable methodology to distribute \$15M?
- What data driven criteria can be used to assess O&M needs?



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#### Joint Explanatory Statement

*"The Committees recognize that many Tribal colleges and universities"* (TCUs) have significant unfunded needs and direct BIE and the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs (ASIA) to work with Tribal leaders and other stakeholders to develop a consistent methodology for determining TCU operating and maintenance needs to inform future budget requests. The Committees previously directed BIE to develop a methodology regarding TCU operating and facility needs. The Committees again direct BIE and ASIA to assess TCU facility needs and to develop a distribution methodology to address these needs."

#### Summary of Congressional Intent

The Joint Explanatory Statement indicates the Congress:

- Recognizes the unfunded O&M needs of TCUs,
- Appropriates \$15M to address these needs,
- Requests a methodology to assess O&M needs at TCUs in order to determine an equitable process to distribute O&M funding to TCUs.

#### **Potential Distribution Options**

IA will distribute the \$15M across the TCUs Potential Options for allocating funding:

1) Divide funds evenly across all TCUs

## 2) A Split such 60/40 or 50/50; for example:

60% divided evenly
across all TCUs and
40% could be
based on the
Indian Student
Count (ISC)

3) Divide fundsacross all TCUsbased solely on ISC

4) Use an O&M based formula

# Potential Distribution Options (cont.)

#### **Considerations for Options 1 – 3**

#### **Benefits of these options:**

- Data is easily assessable,
- Recorded regularly by the academic institutions,
- Publicly available.

#### **Challenges with these options**

Not indicative of facility conditions or operations and maintenance needs.





#### Potential Distribution Options (cont.)

#### Considerations for Options 4 – Use an O&M formula

What variables could an O&M formulation include?

- Square feet of academic space
- Number of buildings
- Age of facilities
- Indian Student Count
- Current O&M expenditures

Are there other data points to consider or a combination of the above?

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### Moving *Forward*

- Your Questions?
- Your Thoughts?
- Your Ideas?

#### Written Comments

Please submit your comments or questions by May 21, 2021 to: consultation@bia.gov





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