



BIA – Midwest Region Youth Priorities, Internships, and Initiatives





Generation Indigenous (GEN - I)

The Administration is proud to stand behind Native youth by advancing new policies, increasing program resources, and providing new opportunities for engagement.





GEN-I GOALS

Policy: Shining a Spotlight on American Indian and Alaska Native Youth

Generation Indigenous aims to increase national visibility, broad-based support, and awareness of the issues facing Native youth today.

Budget: Effective, Targeted Federal Investments

The federal government is using a multi-pronged approach to improve the lives of Native youth, which includes the creation of new initiatives and programs focused on cradle-to career education strategies, and a new budget alignment effort across federal agencies that uses metrics to measure success.

Outreach: Increasing Opportunity for Native Youth

Through a range of efforts both within and outside of the federal government, Gen-I aims to create new and enhanced ways to empower Native youth through access to employment, a quality education, and tribal capacity building.





What is the BIA – MR doing?

- Created the Regional Youth Liaison position
- Developed a Regional Plan of Youth Priorities, Internships, and initiatives
- Staff members serving as Regional Youth Outreach Volunteers
- Continuing to fund Youth Programs developed by Tribes
- Collaborating with Tribes, States, Non-profits, etc. to see if our efforts can be combined
- Hosting Native Youth groups interested in BIA or federal government employment
- Hosting Pathways TREES program students
- Forestry Division through Forestry Climate Change funds Tribal youth programs



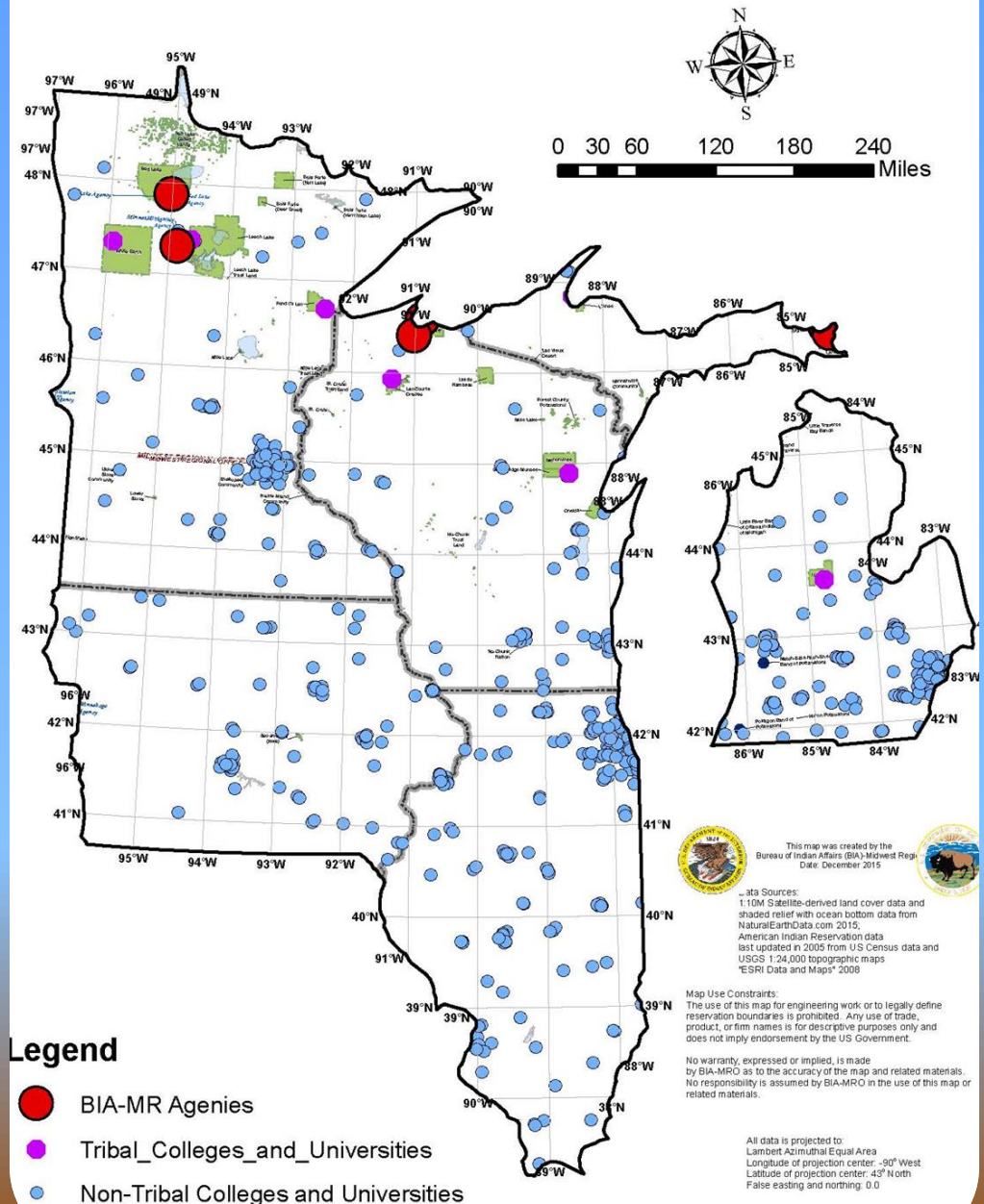
Tribes, Tribal Colleges, BIA –MR, Colleges, etc.

Working together and developing partnerships

- ❖ Partner with Tribal colleges to provide internships in our Region and information regarding career paths/job opportunities
- ❖ Partner with other Federal Agencies to provide even more opportunities
- ❖ Perhaps develop mentoring programs
- ❖ Any suggestions?



Colleges and Universities in the BIA-Midwest Region



A Region-wide multi-disciplinary team



- ❖ Executive direction
- ❖ BLM Surveyor
- ❖ Budget
- ❖ Contracting
- ❖ Division of Information Security
- ❖ Environmental Services
- ❖ Facilities Management
- ❖ Division of Fee to Trust
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ Forestry

- ❖ GIS – Contractor
- ❖ Probate
- ❖ Property
- ❖ Real Estate Services
- ❖ Transportation (Roads)
- ❖ Self-Determination
- ❖ Social Services
- ❖ Tribal Operations
- ❖ Wildlife and parks
- ❖ Information Technology
- ❖ Office of Trust Services

FY 2015

Funding Tribal Programs



- Funded 6 projects that hired 116 high school and college students and 44 interns
- Partnered with Tribes, Colleges, and States to assist Tribal youth
- Contributed a total of \$262, 543
- Forestry Youth Climate Change Grant awarded to two Tribes



Hosting Native Youth Groups for Speed Career Networking



Federal Jobs and Internships



- USAJOBS.GOV (all federal employment)
<https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- Natural Resources Youth and Pathways Internship Programs
<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OTS/Youth/index.htm>



Suggestions?

Questions?

Concerns?

Email me please!

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Suggestions/Brainstorming

- Workshop on USAJOBS – video, powerpoint, webinar, in-person, mentors, flyers, posters – multiple learning styles
 - Send to schools – posters (create)
 - Involve youth in the PIA – fund travel, outreach with other tribes as well, build community,
 - Ability – Wisconsin jobs – invite (booth),
 - Partner with existing schools, programs, court-system avenue – funding and personal (?!), putting funding into the court system
 - Building relationships with colleges/universities, mentorship and additional funding; NSF academic grants
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- Mentors – trained in USAJOBS
 - Positions for youth
 - Make a list of Tribal Outreach staff – to contact

Activity



Break into groups and brainstorm ideas for us to work together (15 mins)

Record ideas and discuss how to implement them (10 mins)

Continue the conversation perhaps a group email string?
Conference calls? Etc.

