

“Together Towards Tomorrow”

**Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region’s
*VIRTUAL***

2022

**Partners in Action
Conference**

Course
Catalog



Dear Tribal Leaders, Staff and Partners:

Welcome to “Partners in Action”, the theme for this year’s conference – Together, Towards Tomorrow reflects on the work that we do together to strengthen Indian Country. Building on our Government-to-Government relationships has been one of the key focus areas for the past 12 years and I commit to the continued collaboration with Tribal Leaders throughout the Midwest Region.



I want to extend my appreciation to this year’s Tribal host’s, Mille lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, Chief Executive Benjamin and Stockbridge Munsee, President Holsey. I also want to thank the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for his continued support of Partners in Action, Secretary Newland has attended each conference in his many capacities for the past 12 years. I extend my appreciation to the Director of BIA, Mr. Darryl LaCounte, Deputy Director’s and numerous Central Office BIA Program Managers for your continued support. I especially want to thank the conference planning team and all those who have and will make this year’s conference a success.

As we continue to focus on strengthening the sovereignty of tribal nations, building strong Government-to-Government relations, we honor the Tribal Leaders and past Leaders for their commitment to their people, restoration of their Tribal homelands and building economic development in their communities. I also want to thank the Midwest Tribes that have firmly established and support this event as a top regional event, fostering long lasting partnerships.

While we continue to hold the Partners in Action conference virtually, my hope is to see all of you next year in a hybrid conference. I hope you enjoy the conference and find new possibilities that may influence your life, community, and tribe!

Sincerely,

Tammie Poitra

Regional Director

7/18/2022 to 7/22/2022

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Sessions are in the
Central Time Zone.

Monday, July 18, 2022

PIA Opening Ceremony

Mon 7/18/2022 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Key concepts and strategies for recruiting foster parents

Mon 7/18/2022 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

This session will provide an overview of core ideas for recruiting foster parents who can meet the needs of children in foster care. Presenters will share key concepts about effective recruitment along with specific strategies you can use. We will provide ideas for ways to customize or adapt the strategies to fit individual tribes' specific needs, context, and practices. This workshop is intended to be an introductory-level session, relevant for front-line staff as well as supervisors and program leaders. We will highlight free materials and resources that can help you continue to develop and implement effective recruitment strategies and we will address questions from attendees.

Presenter:

Alicia Groh, Consultant, AdoptUSKids

Ligia Cushman, National Child Welfare Consultant, AdoptUSKids

Evolution to Modern-Day BIA

Mon 7/18/2022 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

A historical aspect. What is the history of BIA and why should we care? History can relate to everything that has happened in the past but unless we get into a time machine, we aren't going to be able to capture everything that happened. What we have constructed is a plausible interpretation of what happened in the past surrounding the creation of BIA, a record that is based on sources we know and can evidence. We offer to you a glimpse into BIA, from evolution to present and modern-day BIA, intending to allow a deeper and better understanding of its formation and role, into an ever-advancing present, that is responsive to new questions and reveals fresh insights.

Presenter:

Diane Baker, Superintendent, Great Lakes Agency

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Interior Board of Indian Appeals Case Law Update

Tue 7/19/2022 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

This presentation will contain an overview of noteworthy Interior Board of Indian Appeals case law published from August 2021 through the present.

Presenters:

Steve Iverson, Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office

Jennifer McLeod, Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office

Part 151 Fee-to-Trust

Tue 7/19/2022 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

This presentation will discuss specific steps of the Part 151 fee-to-trust process, including an update to the implementation of Sol. Op. 37029 used to determine whether the Secretary has statutory authority for a fee-to-trust acquisition, title review, and NPM-TRUS-43 regarding land description review.

Presenters:

Kallie Jacobson, Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office

Robert Hitchcock, Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office

Partnering Tips for Tribes and BIA from a Regional Solicitor's Office Perspective

Tue 7/19/2022 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

This presentation will begin with an overview of the Solicitor's Office and our role. We will also share tips that highlight opportunities for Tribes to consider for enhanced partnership.

Presenters:

Caitlin Lock Coomes, Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office
Amy Kania, Attorney-Advisor, Solicitor's Office

Using Indigenous knowledge to prevent and respond to disasters (ZOOM meeting)

Tue 7/19/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Indigenous peoples make up only 4% of the world's population, but they inhabit 22% of the earth's surface. Given this, it is essential to acknowledge the role of Indigenous knowledge. Indigenous knowledge is the unique, local knowledge developed through history, experience, experiments and understanding of the environment. This course will highlight how funders can support Indigenous communities worldwide to prevent disasters and combat the effects of climate change. Panelists will discuss how Indigenous knowledge can help non-Indigenous communities deal with the impacts of a disaster. Examples of grants will be showcased that have helped communities learn from Indigenous knowledge and practices. While aimed at funders, it may also be of interest to emergency managers, academics, disaster responders and NGO staff interested in or working on disasters and other crises.

Presenters:

Heidi Schultz, Program Manager, Midwest Early Recovery Fund, Center for Disaster Philanthropy
Patricia Velasquez, President and Founder, The Wayuu Taya Foundation
Chele Rider, Disaster State Relations Director, Tribal Relations, American Red Cross

Housing Improvement Program (HIP) Part 1: Program Overview and Regulations

Tue 7/19/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This course will provide an overview of the program; its purpose, what it provides, and how the program works. It will also provide a brief walk-through of the Regulations that govern the program highlighting areas of interest. Target Audience is Tribal Leaders, Tribal Program staff who manage the Housing Improvement Program, BIA Regional Housing Program staff, BIA Agency Program personnel, BIA Superintendents.

Presenter:

Nancy E. Jones, Regional Housing Program Officer, BIA, Western Region

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Budget 101

Wed 7/20/2022 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Budget Processes from Budget formulation to Distribution to the tribes

Presenter:

Scot Cameron, Budget Officer, Midwest Region BIA

Large-Scale Energy Development

Wed 7/20/2022 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

In the face of climate change and conventional powerplant shutdowns, it is more important than ever to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and bolster the U.S. power grid with clean energy. By participating in large, utility-scale energy development tribes can address these issues, while generating revenue and spurring economic development. This session will explore the large-scale resource opportunities in the Midwest Region, along with key business strategies for how tribes can play a role.

From grant dollars to free technical assistance, Department of the Interior's Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) has a wealth of resources available to assist Tribes in reaching their energy goals.

Presenter:

Kyle Levin, Mechanical Engineer, Division of Energy and Mineral Development

Tribal Justice Support- Training, technical assistance and funding to Tribal Courts.

Wed 7/20/2022 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

TJS Mission is to provide training, technical assistance and funding to tribal courts within the US. Access to Tribal Court Assessments and assistance on strategic planning for judicial systems, including healing to wellness courts will be discussed. In addition, opportunities for training and technical assistance-often one on one-is a part of our Mission as well.

Presenter:

Tricia Tingle, Associate Director, Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, BIA

Introduction to the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Overview, Part 1: Indian Services

Wed 7/20/2022 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This session is Part I of a two-part series (Part I Indian Services and Agencies; Part II, Trust Services). In Part I, the presentations will include an overview, description and information on all Indian Services branches and programs, including presentations from the Minnesota, Great Lakes, and Michigan Agencies.

Presenters:

Indian Services Leadership/Agency Superintendents

Midwest Region BIA Program Managers

Stockbridge-Munsee Community Showcase

Wed 7/20/2022 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Forestry Management and Stream Restoration

Presenters:

Randall Wollenhaupt, Ecology Manager

Alex Brauer, Hydrologist

Paul Koll, Tribal Forester

Bert Davids, Forester Technician

Mohican & Munsee Language Revitalization

Presenters:

Monique Tyndall, Stockbridge-Munsee Cultural Affairs Director

Joe Pecore, Language Manager

Stockbridge-Munsee Food Sovereignty Initiatives

Presenters:

Chad Miller, Land Manager

Kellie Zahn, Agriculture Agent

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Re-contracting and Submitting Proposals through the PL93-638 Process

Thu 7/21/2022 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Participants will learn how and where to submit a complete contract proposal package for BIA TPA base funded programs. The content will cover timelines, requirements of the proposal, including tribal resolutions, budgets and Statement of Work.

Presenters:

Michelle Corbine, Self Determination Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region

Valerie Vasquez, Awarding Official's Technical Representative, Regional Social Worker, Midwest Region - BIA

Tribal Transportation Program Overview and New Highway Authorization Update.

Thu 7/21/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

BIA Division of Transportation, will be presenting a national overview of the Tribal Transportation Program, and how the new highway authorization (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) will make funds available to tribes.

Presenter:

LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs

FEMA Flood Risk Data

Thu 7/21/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

This course will focus FEMA's Risk MAP program for Tribal Nations. It will provide an overview of FEMA produced flood risk data and outline the process for developing it. This session will also allow participants to review and discuss potential updates to the Risk MAP program to better support Tribal Nations.

Presenter:

Nick Bruscato, Risk Analyst (Tribal), FEMA R5

Adapting Forestry to a Changing World in Indian Country

Thu 7/21/2022 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

A look at how one Tribe's forestry program adapts to forces like climate change, and the community's changing needs. This will be a brief overview of lessons learned and projects of interest, with ideas and resources to share with tribal natural resource managers.

Presenter:

Rachel Tarpey, Forester, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Operating the General Assistance Program

Thu 7/21/2022 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Participants will understand the key concepts in operating the General Assistance Program. Participants will properly apply regulations found in 25 CFR Part 20. We will walk through the process for both the applicant and case manager through the application process, approving or denying the application, conducting an assessment, developing an Individualized Self Sufficiency Plan (ISP) or Case Plan and cover the differences between the ISP and Case Plan. We will also review the FASSR reporting form and understand the importance of data in the report. This session will include some interactive scenarios and pop quizzes to gauge a good understanding of the programs requirement and content.

Presenter:

Valerie Vasquez, Regional Social Worker, Midwest Region BIA

Friday, July 22, 2022

Overview of Branch of Water Programs

Fri 7/22/2022 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Branch of Water Resources and Dam Safety Program - overview, activities, and upcoming deadlines for proposals. This session will provide the basic scope of each program – Water Rights, Water Resources, Dam Safety, and Hydropower Compliance and include national and regional briefings with regard to each program.

Presenter:

Mary Manydeeds, Chief, Branch of Water and Dam Safety, BIA Midwest Region

Introduction to the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Overview, Part 2: Trust Services

Fri 7/22/2022 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

This course is open to all who would like a high level review of Trust Services. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services (OTS) has offices nationwide, and assists Tribal governments and allottees in managing, protecting, and developing their trust lands and natural resources, which total 56 million surface acres and 60 million acres of subsurface mineral estates. OTS programs aid landowners in the stewardship of their cultural, spiritual, and traditional resources, and help Tribal governments create sustainable sources of revenue and jobs for their communities.

Programs administered at the Midwest Region include real estate services; land titles and records; probate; natural resources; forestry and wildland fire management; safety of dams; and geospatial services.

Presenters:

Patricia L. Olby, Deputy Regional Director Trust Services

Heidi Gordon, LTRO Manager

Carol Brown, Supervisory Legal Administrative Specialist

Matthew Anderson, Regional Forester
Russell Baker, Supervisory Realty Specialist, Division of Fee to Trust
Mary Manydeeds, Hydrologist
Christopher Kaczmarek, Midwest Region Geospatial Coordinator,
Albany Jacobson Eckert, Natural Resources Officer, Great Lakes Agency

Using family engagement approaches for recruiting and supporting foster parents and kinship caregivers

Fri 7/22/2022 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

In this session, presenters will share multiple approaches for using family engagement principles and customer service strategies to make your efforts to recruit and support foster and kinship families more effective. We will highlight strategies for ways to use integrated, holistic approaches for family recruitment and support, including ways to use data effectively to set priorities and guide continuous quality improvement of recruitment and support efforts and how program leaders can ensure connections and feedback loops among staff working on foster and kinship family recruitment and staff providing support to those families. We will highlight free materials and resources and will address questions from attendees. This session is aimed at supervisors and program leaders overseeing foster and kinship family recruitment and support work.

Presenter:

Alicia Groh, Consultant, AdoptUSKids
Ligia Cushman, National Child Welfare Consultant, AdoptUSKids

DNR Division of Forestry Resource Assessment Program Presentation titled “Lidar Data Applications in Forestry”

Fri 7/22/2022 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

A presentation with opportunity for discussion and demonstrations of lidar derived data for applications in forestry. Topics include: Plot Based Inventory (PBI) and lidar data collection, data processing, end-products, and practical uses for forestry across broad program areas.

Presenters:

Dennis Kepler, Resource Assessment Supervisor, Minnesota DNR
Jennifer Corcoran, Remote Sensing Consultant
Scott Hillard, Forest Biometrician/Modeler
Keb Guralski, Inventory Coordinator

7/25/2022 to 7/29/2022

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Monday, July 25, 2022

Budget 101

Mon 7/25/2022 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Budget Processes from Budget formulation to Distribution to the tribes

Presenter:

Scot Cameron, Budget Officer, Midwest Region

Tribal Role in Child Protection

Mon 7/25/2022 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

This presentation will focus on the role of Tribal Nation Sovereignty in Child Protection matters, specifically as it relates to State and Tribal Child Protection court cases. During the training you will learn from Tribal Representatives and Tribal Liaisons about the importance of the Tribe's voice in court and child welfare as it relates to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Attendees will also learn about the Tribe's role with case plans, Qualified Expert Witnesses (QEWs), active efforts, membership eligibility, and ICWA eligibility.

Presenter:

Teresa Day, MSW, LGSW, Red Lake Nation ICWA Program Manager

Ben Lundquist, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Deputy Solicitor General

Arielle Aude, Lower Sioux Indian Community Director of Health and Human Services

Laura Newton, Minneapolis American Indian Center Family Services Director

Nina Vongpheth, Family Preservation Co-Chair, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) Family Preservation Committee

Sadie Hart, MUID Family Preservation Co-Chair, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) Family Preservation Committee

Office of Trust Services

Mon 7/25/2022 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Office of Trust Services will discuss goals, priorities and opportunities available such as:

General Overview of OTS

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Geospatial Support

Tract Viewer - Pilot Projects

OPM Organization Design Review - Region Pilot Projects

DWP Dashboard Demo

Division of Energy and Minerals Development Overview

DEMMD - Tribal Portfolios

Indian Energy Service Center Overview

TEDO

Realty Strike Team

HEARTH

And more

Presenters:

Johnna Blackhair, Deputy Bureau Director

Trina Locke, Chief, Division of Program Management and Coordination

Nathan Lillie, Natural Resources Specialist (Special Projects)

David Fisher, Chief, Division of Water and Power

Winter Jojola-Talbert, Acting Chief, Division of Energy and Minerals Development Jennifer Reiman, Supervisory Civil Engineer

Payton Batliner, Economic Development Specialist

Dennis Bodenchuk, Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals

Daniel Kaim, Chief, Branch of NIOGEMS

Albert Bond, Acting Chief, Indian Energy Service Center

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Managing for future forests: Silviculture examples in the Lake States

Tue 7/26/2022 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Forest Management: This course will provide a basic introduction to silviculture in the Lake States. It will highlight examples of treatments used to meet Tribal management objectives in forested stands.

Presenters:

Kristen Lease, Forester, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office
Alex Mehne, Forest Manager, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Rachel Tarpey, Forester, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Tribal Transportation Program - In-depth explanation of the current Distribution Formula

Tue 7/26/2022 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Division of Transportation, will be providing an in-depth review of the current statutory distribution formula utilized to determine tribal shares under the Tribal Transportation Program.

Presenter:

LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Understanding the Individual Indian Money Account Process for Social Workers

Tue 7/26/2022 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The objective of this session is to understand the application of 25 CFR, Part 115 (Trust Funds for Tribes & Individual Indians) and the Inter-Agency Handbook MOU with the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration. Attendees will receive instruction on the steps required to restrict an IIM account (the Kennerly Process). Following the Kennerly process segment, attendees will learn the process for conducting the required evaluation of need for the beneficiary in order to properly recommend a distribution plan that best serves the client's health, welfare, and education needs. Participants will also learn the process for completing an annual review and understand what required documents should be in the case file prior to the annual review of that case file.

Presenters:

George Peterson, IIM Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Jereamiah Pemberton, IIM Social Worker

Regional Facility Management Program

Tue 7/26/2022 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

To provide the mission, authorities, scope, internal controls, and policies and procedures for execution of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Facility Management Program (FMP) as well as the Bureau responsibilities in administering the program.

Presenter:

Eric Bruguier, Regional Facility Management, BIA MWR

BIA ICWA Quarterly and Annual Report Training

Tue 7/26/2022 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

This training is for Tribe's who are ICWA funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and required to report funding data and narratives. This training session will provide an overview of the ICWA Quarterly and Annual Reports required for P.L. 93-638 Self-Determination and Self-Governance Tribes who receive ICWA Funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Tribes or Tribal organizations receiving grants under ICWA are required to submit data on a quarterly and annual basis (25 CFR 23.47).

Presenter:

Emily "June" Adams, Indian Child Welfare Specialist, BIA Central Office

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Ecological Monitoring in the Boardman-Ottaway River to Support the Reintroduction Effort of Arctic Grayling to Michigan

Wed 7/27/2022 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This course will provide an overview of the history of Arctic Grayling in Michigan and summarize work being conducted in tributaries of the Boardman-Ottaway River to support the reintroduction effort. The course will consist of two 20-min presentations with an extended question-and-answer session at the end. The first presentation will be an overview of the events that led to the extirpation of Arctic Grayling in Michigan and more recent efforts to reintroduce the species. The second presentation will report results of fish and habitat surveys in tributaries of the Boardman-Ottaway River that are being used to prioritize streams for the eventual stocking of Arctic Grayling. This course is targeted for natural resources professionals but also should be of interest to anglers and conservationists.

Presenters:

Carl R. Ruetz III, Professor, Annis Water Resources Institute, Grand Valley State University

Nick Vander Stelt, Graduate Student, Annis Water Resources Institute, Grand Valley State University

Indian Affairs Manual (IAM) 70 IAM 6: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

Wed 7/27/2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The session will review the IAM Chapter 6, which that establishes policy and procedures on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963.

Presenters:

Emily "June" Adams, Indian Child Welfare Specialist, BIA Central Office

Forestry Contract and Permit Handbook updates

Wed 7/27/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Forestry - Timber Sales - Midwest Regional Office staff will give an update on updates to 53 IAM 3 and 4 Handbooks and associated documents and forms. This update is planned to be published in 2023. Additional information on TAAMS Forestry enhancements or other forestry - timber sales issues will be discussed if there is interest.

Presenter:

Sean Maiers, Forester, BIA, Midwest Regional Office

Put USDA to Work for You: Farming & Conservation

Wed 7/27/2022 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers many cost share, lending, disaster assistance, risk management, technical assistance and incentive payment programs for farms, ranches, and conservation activities. We will provide an overview of programs offered to help grow an agriculture operation, manage natural and economic risks, and enhance resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Experts from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will discuss cost share, technical assistance, rental payment, lending, disaster assistance and price support programs available to individuals, businesses and municipalities engaged in farming, ranching or conservation. No matter the shape or size of your agriculture operation or project, USDA has a program that may be of use to you.

USDA Programs covered will include: Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement programs, Emergency Conservation Program, Farm Loan programs, Tree Assistance Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm Raised Fish Program, technical assistance programs and more.

Presenters:

Savannah Halleaux, Outreach Coordinator, USDA Farm Service Agency

Brain Buehler, Communications Coordinator, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Housing Improvement Program (HIP) Part 2: Application and Tribal Annual Performance Report (TAPR)

Thu 7/28/2022 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

This course will provide an overview of the Application and eligibility requirements. It will also provide and step-by-step instructions on how to use the Tribal Annual Performance Report (TAPR) and its' purpose for the Tribes, Region, and Central Office. Target Audience is Tribal Leaders, Tribal Program staff who manage the Housing Improvement Program, BIA Regional Housing Program staff, BIA Agency Program personnel, BIA Superintendents.

Presenter:

Nancy E. Jones, Regional Housing Program Officer, BIA Western Region

ISDEAA 105(I) Facility Leases - Just Ask!

Thu 7/28/2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

This Course is for any Tribe or Tribal Organization wanting to know about the benefits of ISDEAA 105(I) Facility Leases. Section 105(I) of ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 5324(I), requires the Secretary, at the request of an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization (T/TO), to enter into a lease with the T/TO for a facility in which the T/TO holds title, has a leasehold interest, or has a trust interest for administration or delivery of services under an approved ISDEAA Title I contract, Title IV self-governance funding agreement (collectively "ISDEAA agreement"), or Public Law (P.L.) 100-297 grant (297 grant). This Course will explore the process and possibilities.

Presenter:

Judith Wilson, Director, Office of Facilities, Property and Safety Management, Indian Affairs

Tribal Transportation Program - Regional Overview/Update

Thu 7/28/2022 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Midwest Region Transportation staff will be providing an update on the various facets of the Tribal Transportation Program, the various funding sources available to tribes, and the technical assistance available to tribes.

Presenters:

Todd Kennedy, Regional Roads Engineer, Midwest Region BIA

Dave O'Donahue, Supervisory Highway Engineer, BIA

Tony Saccoman, Supervisory Highway Engineer, BIA

Kurt Slettvedt, Supervisory Highway Engineer, BIA

Scott Hewitt, Supervisory Highway Engineer, BIA

Reporting Requirements under PL 93-638 Contracts

Thu 7/28/2022 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Participants will learn the various required reports under a Public Law 93-638 contract. Content will include review of the contract documents, report forms for various programs and identifying where the program can find the due dates in the contract.

Presenter:

Michelle Corbine, Self Determination Officer/Awarding Official, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region

Valerie Vasquez, Regional Social Worker, BIA Midwest Region

Friday, July 29, 2022

Preparing a Fee-to-Trust Application

Fri 7/29/2022 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

This class is intended to be an interactive course that will allow Tribe's to actively participate in pulling together a real world discretionary fee-to-trust application. Tribal POC's are encouraged to have information available that would allow for crafting a draft fee-to-trust application based on the IRA (location and description of property, need and purpose) including questions. Group sharing will be encouraged but not mandatory.

(Breaks and Lunch Breaks will be determined by the Instructor.)

Presenter:

Thomas Wilkins, Realty Specialist- Midwest Regional Office, BIA

8/8/2022 to 8/12/2022

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Monday, August 8, 2022

Understanding Land Descriptions and the Public Land Survey System

Mon 8/8/2022 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This course will provide an in depth look at Land Descriptions how language and wording play a critical role in the interpretation thereof and how they relate to the aspects of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).

Presenter:

Kenneth Roy, BLM Indian Land Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management

Probate and Estates: Shining a Light into a Grave Topic

Mon 8/8/2022 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

This session includes an interactive overview of the Midwest Region's Division of Probate and Estate Services, taking attendees through a probate estate from receipt of the death notice through case closure and distribution of assets.

Attendees will also learn how the Probate process plays a significant role in the federal fiduciary trust responsibility, highlighting key components such as the purchase at probate option, regulatory changes, and the 2022 targets and goals measured to ensure efficiency. A Q&A session closes the presentation and is geared toward providing a forum for questions, tribe and agency partnership building, and suggestions for enhancement.

Presenters:

Carol J. Brown, Midwest Region Supervisory Legal Administrative Specialist, Division of Probate and Estate Services

Mandy Priester, Midwest Regional Office Legal Administrative Specialist

Gwendolyn Johns, Minnesota Agency Supervisory Legal Administrative Specialist

BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience Overview

Mon 8/8/2022 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

This presentation will give an overview of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience. Staff will discuss available opportunities for Tribal Nations to support their existing operations, program planning, project design, as well as Indigenous and Traditional Knowledges into their management and protection of Trust resources and Tribal economics. At the end of the presentation there will be a Q&A session.

Presenters:

Alexis Wagner, Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience

Coral Avery, Natural Resource Specialist, BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

The Mississippi River Restoration & Resilience Initiative (ZOOM meeting)

Tue 8/9/2022 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The Mississippi River Restoration and Resilience Initiative (MRRRI) would be a place-based federal program modeled on the highly successful Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. It would enhance federal river restoration and resilience funding for projects and program activities in the 10 states that border the Mississippi River.

When passed, the MRRRI Act would authorize an estimated \$300-\$350 million annually in federal grants to states cities, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations to improve water quality, restore habitat and natural systems, reduce aquatic invasive species and build local resilience to natural disasters in and along the Mississippi River.

Specifically, MRRRI would provide much needed federal funding for four core areas of river health:

- Clean water: Improving water quality in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico by reducing polluted runoff from croplands and urban stormwater systems;
- Natural infrastructure: Improving community resilience to climate change, and reducing flood risk by restoring floodplains, riverine wetlands, delta and coastal wetlands, and backwaters;

- River habitat: Protecting and restoring wildlife habitat throughout the river corridor; and
- Aquatic invasive species: Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species in the river system by establishing new controls and restoring native river ecology.

MRRRI investments will be informed by a five-year Action Plan, which will be developed in partnership with river stakeholders through a robust EPA-led public input process. Likewise, investments in research and river science will be informed by the development of a Mississippi River Science Plan led by the United States Geological Survey in concert with the nation's leading river science experts.

MRRRI would fill a clear gap in our nation's regional restoration initiatives, highlighting and reinforcing the Mississippi River as an ecosystem and economic engine of national importance, and providing the resources our communities need to improve their health and resilience.

Presenters:

Trevor Russell, Water Program Director, Friends of the Mississippi River
Kelly McGinnis - Executive Director - Mississippi River Network

Budget 201

Tue 8/9/2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Budget 201- After the Tribes received funds - concept of when the funding gets to the tribe and on, lessons learned, best practices, common pitfalls, carryover requests, budget mod process entail, and tribal program request for programs they currently are not operating.

Presenter:

Scot Cameron, Budget Officer, Midwest Region BIA

Forestry for Non-Foresters

Tue 8/9/2022 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Ready for something different? Forestry for non-foresters presents the big picture of everything ecological. Consider interesting time scales starting 4.5 billion years ago, continuing through the ice ages, and including last Tuesday. Enjoy riveting footage of some guy digging a hole. Compare three dimensional tree canopy competition to Game of Thrones. Learn forestry technical concepts as demonstrated by video taken from the handlebar of a motorcycle. Recommended for anyone who wants a fast paced 20 minute video that doesn't have a single Powerpoint slide.

Presenter:

Joe Mortzheim, Forester/Biometrician, Midwest Regional Office

Tribal-State Gaming Compacts - Updates and Best Practices

Tue 8/9/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Office of Indian Gaming will provides updates on tribal-state gaming compacts, identify trends, and provide tips in the compacting review process.

Presenters:

Troy Woodward, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Indian Gaming
Paula Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming

Creating a Tribal Energy or Mineral Business

Tue 8/9/2022 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Do you have an energy or mineral project you would like to see come to fruition? Maybe you have multiple projects your tribe would like to develop. The Branch of Business Services within the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) can assist you with answering the critical questions you may have that are preventing you from crossing the finish line. How do we prioritize our projects? How do we raise money? What business structure should we use? Who should run the business? And most critically, will this business make money?! Attendees will learn about the free Technical Assistance that is available from the DEMD's Branch of Business Services that will help you answer these questions and more.

Presenters:

Payton Batliner, Branch Chief, Business Services, Division of Energy and Mineral Development
Jeffery Sanders, Financial Manager, Division of Energy and Mineral Development

Overview of the USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative-opportunities for geoscience data acquisition on tribal lands

Tue 8/9/2022 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

The USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative is charged by Congress to acquire modern geologic and geophysical data over large areas of the nation to understand the geologic framework for mineral resources. These data also are applicable for water, energy, and geohazard issues facing Tribal Nations. The presentation will provide an overview of the Program and discuss future opportunities.

Presenter:

Warren Day, USGS Earth Mapping Resources Initiative Science Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Lake Michigan-Huron Manoomin (Wild Rice) Remote Sensing Results and Next Steps

Wed 8/10/2022 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

NOAA worked with tribal communities of the Lake Michigan-Huron basin to exchange cultural and traditional knowledge with current scientific data collection and analysis to best determine where to monitor the current distribution of manoomin (wild rice) within coastal wetlands using remote sensing data collection. During summer 2021, hyperspectral and field data was collected at 12 sites in Indiana and Michigan. We will discuss project deliverables as well as lessons learned for meaningful engagement and on-the ground coordination with tribal partners. NOAA will also provide an update on our proposed continuing manoomin work, focused on geospatial needs and system resilience indicators in the Great Lakes basin.

We welcome anyone who's currently working or interested in manoomin restoration, enhancement, and/or monitoring to attend.

Presenters:

Jennifer Ballinger, Environmental Scientist, NOAA Office for Coastal Management

Brandon Krumwiede, Physical Scientist, NOAA Office for Coastal Management

Electric Vehicles: Resources and Opportunities

Wed 8/10/2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

President Biden's agenda calls to accelerate and create opportunities for the adoption of electric vehicles, with an ambitious target to make half of all new vehicles sold in 2030 zero-emission electric vehicles. As a step towards achieving this goal, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$7.5 billion to build out a national electric vehicle charging network. In this session, attendees will learn about available electric vehicle development resources from other federal agencies to support their electric vehicle goals. Collectively, these initiatives create opportunities for Tribal Nation's to not only build out charging networks and infrastructure, but also pursue new sources of revenue and job creation inherent across the life-cycle of the electric vehicle industry.

Presenter:

Winter Jojola-Talbert, Division Chief (Acting), Division of Energy and Mineral Development

Get to know U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service tribal liaison staff

Wed 8/10/2022 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has several staff involved in outreach to Tribes. Come meet our staff, hear about our work, ask questions, and share your thoughts.

Presenters:

Tim Patronski, Assistant Regional Director for External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

□ Tribal Home Studies: The Basics and Beyond

Thu 8/11/2022 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Conducting a home study with families who wish to serve as resource homes for Native children is an important part of the child welfare process and a skill that is developed over time with practice. This presentation provides an in-depth overview of how to conduct a home study. Presenter Kendra Lowden with Ghost Thunder Child Welfare Consulting, LLC shares the tools and case examples she developed while serving a decade in tribal child welfare direct practice.

Presenter:

Kendra Lowden, Owner, Ghost Thunder Child Welfare Consulting, LLC

□ Safety, Self-Care, and Sage: Physical Safety and Emotional Well-Being for Tribal Child Welfare Workers

Thu 8/11/2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Safety of the self is essential for child welfare workers – including both physical safety and emotional well-being. This presentation identifies safety risks as well as culturally appropriate responses to precarious situations experienced by the tribal child welfare workforce. Presenter Kendra Lowden with Ghost Thunder Child Welfare Consulting, LLC will also ways to identify and prevent worker fatigue and burnout through her lived experience as a tribal child welfare worker, especially in the time of COVID-19.

Presenter:

Kendra Lowden, Owner, Ghost Thunder Child Welfare Consulting, LLC

□ Midwest Land Title & Records Office

Thu 8/11/2022 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

This presentation will provide participants insight on a wide variety of information regarding the functions performed by the Midwest Land Title & Records Office (LTRO). Our office will give you a better understanding of what the LTRO does and how it relates to your job. We will discuss title review, title clean-up, documents required to record, recording requirements, miscellaneous forms and how they are processed. We will also touch on how the LTRO processes Probates under the new Probate Module in TAAMS. We will also discuss GIS functionality and boundary development.

Presenters:

Land Titles & Records Office staff: Heidi Gordon, Lenore Plucinski, Rosemarie Fresquez, Laurie Houle, Tyler Gordon and Paul Mahon Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office

□ BIA's Forestry Business Process: An exploration of how timber is sold and accounted for, "by the book."

Thu 8/11/2022 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

This course describes the standard practices for collecting and distributing money from timber sales as described in the Indian Affairs Manual and associated Handbooks. Discussion will cover the different kinds of contract and permit documents used to sell timber and other forest products and the manner in which funds flow from sale purchasers to beneficial owners. Tribal Trust accounts such as those for Forest Management Deductions and Forestry Projects will also be discussed. A comparison will be made between forestry sales documents and standard leases such as those used for businesses, agriculture, or grazing. This course will be presented at a very basic level and in a relaxed and conversational manner, and expertise in forestry or accounting is not prerequisite. Target audience includes tribal leaders, forestry and natural resources program staff, BIA leadership, foresters, accountants, auditors, economists, students of TAAMS, people who like banking, and any curious person who wants to wrap their minds around the way that BIA's fiduciary trust is carried out in Forestry. Remember, if it has to do with money, you should probably find out more about it.

Presenter:

Matthew Anderson, Midwest Regional Forester, BIA Midwest Region

Friday, August 12, 2022

So There's Been A Disaster... (ZOOM meeting)

Fri 8/12/2022 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

This workshop will answer your questions about how Tribal Nations can request disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Representatives from both Public Assistance (PA) and Individual Assistance (IA) will walk participants through preliminary damage assessments, what to include in a declaration request, and the federal disaster declaration process.

Presenter:

Susan Jensen, Branch Chief, Individual Assistance, FEMA Region 5
Troy Christensen, Tribal Liaison, FEMA Region 5
Jennie Grobe, Deputy Branch Chief, Public Assistance, FEMA Region 5.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Threatened and Endangered Species

Fri 8/12/2022 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hear from Midwest Region U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff about species that are currently protected under the Endangered Species Act or under consideration for listing. Staff will have a short presentation and then take questions. Bring questions about any federally protected species or those being evaluated for protection, such as wolves, lake sturgeon, and northern long-eared bats.

Presenter:

Shawna Marquardt, Field Supervisor for MN/WI Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Monday, August 15, 2022

Introduction to economic development grant programs and opportunities for Tribal Nations through the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.

Mon 8/15/2022 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

As the only federal government agency focused exclusively on economic development, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) plays a critical role in facilitating regional economic development efforts in urban and rural communities across the nation. Guided by the basic principle that sustainable economic development should be locally-driven, EDA works directly with communities, tribal governments and regions to help them build the capacity for economic development based on local business conditions and needs. EDA's grant investments in planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction are designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that make it easier for businesses to start and grow. EDA's flexible programs and structure enable nimble operations and allow for innovation and responsiveness to changing economic needs and conditions faced by its local and state government partners. Grants made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Presenter:

Lee Shirey, Economic Development Representative for Michigan, US Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration

The Science of Dam Removal: Status, Prospects and the Dam Removal Information Portal (DRIP)

Mon 8/15/2022 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

The decision to remove a dam often takes place among complex socio-economic, political, and historical contexts, compelled by economics, safety concerns, obsolescence, river restoration, and species conservation. Dam removals are increasing in the US and in the developed world as past projects and the science supporting them accumulate. Our presentation will focus upon the history of dams and their effects, the factors driving the recent increase in dam removal projects, and the factors responsible for the physical and ecological outcomes for the river and its ecosystem following dam removal. With the vast number of dams currently installed and their limited lifespan, the practice of dam removal is expected to continue and benefit from a number of case studies, modeling tools, and syntheses of geomorphic and ecological outcomes.

Presenter:

Jeffrey Duda, Research Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey

Effect of Lateral Violence in Indigenous Communities

Mon 8/15/2022 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Systemic racism leads to a cycle of lateral violence and oppression. This session will be an exploration of the impact of trauma on cultural attachment, cultural identity, and relational development within Indigenous organizations and communities. Key discussions of the evolution of cultural structure and knowledge and strategies to integrate healing and restorative practices to promote Indigenous wellbeing and resiliency in communities.

Presenter:

Rita Hart, MSW Project Consultant, Tribal Training and Coaching, Apelasv Consulting Services, Jicarilla Apache and Choctaw

Inawendiwin (Connection): An Ojibwe Climate Poster

Mon 8/15/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Developed in collaboration with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and NOAA's Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Team, this poster focuses on Inawendiwin (connection) and how climate change is impacting the treaty-guaranteed rights of the Ojibwe to hunt, fish, and gather in the Ceded Territories. This poster was developed to help tell the story of how culturally important beings are particularly vulnerable to climate change. It also highlights how honoring and respecting the earth contributes to the reciprocal relation of all beings using contemporary Ojibwe art and weather data. As a part of the panel discussion, GLIFWC and NOAA would like to discuss how this educational poster is being used in classrooms and can serve as a model for future collaboration with other tribal nations.

We welcome anyone interested in climate change outreach to attend.

Presenters:

Jennifer Ballinger, Environmental Scientist, NOAA Office for Coastal Management
Doug Kluck, Central Region Climate Services Director, NOAA's National Center for Environmental Information
Hannah Arbuckle, Outreach Coordinator, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Emergency Preparedness for the Community!

Mon 8/15/2022 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This training will cover Emergency Preparedness training via online resources, "Train the Trainer" courses and innovative preparedness ideas for community organizations and individuals. The audience for this session is Community Based Organizations, Head Starts, Child Care Centers, Faith Based Organizations and others looking improve organizational preparedness or seeking innovative ways to perform preparedness outreach.

Presenters:

Marc Fisher, Regional Emergency Management Specialist, US Department of Health and Human Services /Region5
Amy Pifine, Community Preparedness Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Region 5
Sumayya Menk, Regional Preparedness Liaison, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Region 5

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

The Boardman-Ottaway River Restoration Project: Connection, Collaboration and Community for The River

Tue 8/16/2022 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

This presentation will offer and open for discussion an eco-cyclic model for collaboration in river restoration that helps build an intuitive and familiar understanding of complex interconnected systems (environmental, biological, social, economic and spiritual) involved in river restoration through dam removal.

Presenter:

Brett Fessell, Restoration Section Leader- River Ecologist, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) Crime Prevention

Tue 8/16/2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The presentation will give an overview of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) and factors in ARPA violations. The presentation will discuss preventative measures that can be done to limit ARPA violations. And the presentation will investigate an ARPA violation at Standing Rock that the presenter was involved with that resulted in convictions in Federal court.

Presenter:

William Kurtz, Archaeologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Fee-to-Trust Update

Tue 8/16/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

This presentation will provide an update on the progress of the National Fee-to-Trust Strike Team and give an overview of the recent changes to the fee-to-trust process.

Presenter:

Russell Baker, Supervisory Realty Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bridging The Crystal River: For fish, for people and mostly for the river

Tue 8/16/2022 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

This presentation will discuss river restoration through improving watershed connectivity, fish passage and education in the context of transportation infrastructure improvements.

Presenter:

Brett Fessell, Restoration Section Leader - River Ecologist, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

HMTV8 Behavior of Hazardous Materials Containers. (ZOOM meeting)

Wed 8/17/2022 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

HMTV 8 Examines the General Hazardous Materials Behavior Model as a method to be used to assess hazardous materials containers and predict the behavior of the product within based on container shape and other factors. The topic address container stress, breach, and release and associate dispersion patterns.

Presenter:

LEIDOS - CDP Instructor

HMTV2 Hazardous Materials Personal Protective Equipment Determination and Considerations (ZOOM meeting)

Wed 8/17/2022 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

A comprehensive examination of the requirements and considerations for determining appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for a hazardous materials response. Discusses the OSHA and NFPA categorization of hazardous materials PPE; factors in determining required PPE to stock on-hand based on community hazards and threats, and for a specific incident; determining chemical compatibility of PPE items for an identified substance using various resources and tools; limitations of structural firefighting equipment in hazardous materials response; and medical screening, respirator fit testing, and other considerations for operations and management of personnel required to wear PPE.

Presenter:

LEIDOS-CDP Instructor

Midwest Regional Geospatial Coordination and BLM Legal Description and PLSS Overview

Wed 8/17/2022 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This presentation will highlight the Midwest Regional Geospatial Coordination efforts and development within the BIA and amongst the Midwest Tribes. In addition to the Midwest GIS program, the BLM Indian Lands Surveyor (BILS) will provide an overview of the Public Land Survey System of the Cadastral National Spatial Data Infrastructure and relevant geospatial datasets. The BILS will also go over basic legal descriptions associated with tract development.

Presenters:

Christopher Kaczmarek, Regional Geospatial Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Kenneth Roy, BLM Indian Lands Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management

Active Shooter/Assailant: Behavioral Indicators and How to Respond (ZOOM meeting)

Wed 8/17/2022 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Will cover the fundamental elements of behavioral recognition of an active shooter such as understanding and articulating physical cues, tactical cues, and weapons cues. Additionally, directed conversation as a precursor to interview/interrogation of an active shooter will also be discussed. The Run, Hide, Fight concept for staying alive during such an event will be presented.

Presenter:

LEIDOS-CDP Instructor

Resources for Tribal Electric Utility Formation

Wed 8/17/2022 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The Electric Utility market throughout Indian Country is largely owned, operated, and controlled by third party, incumbent utilities, who may or may not have the Tribe's best interests in mind. Tribes need to, and many are, taking a more active role in managing these electric utility assets. From deploying innovative distributed energy projects to simply managing utility bills in a more proactive manner, tribes can begin building the much needed capacity to participate in the energy market. In this session attendees will learn about available resources from the Department of the Interior's Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) to establish your own electric utility. From Grant dollars to free Technical Assistance, DEMD has a wealth of resources available to assist Tribes in reaching their energy goals.

Presenters:

Payton Batliner, Branch Chief, Business Services, Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Jennifer Reimann, Branch Chief, Renewable and Distributed Energy, DEMD Jeffrey Sanders, Finance Manager, DEMD

Bureau of Trust Funds Administration-IIM quarterly statement/overview (ZOOM meeting)

Wed 8/17/2022 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

The Bureau of Trust Funds Administration, previously known as The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, will cover important information regarding Individual Indian Money Accounts (IIM). Examples of information that will be provided in this session include; IIM statements overview, disbursement options, frequently asked questions and much more. We hope you can join us.

Presenters:

Gayla J. Bordeaux, Deputy Regional Trust Director, Bureau of Trust Funds Administration
Lonnie Wright, FTO Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

Thursday, August 18, 2022

BIA Midwest Region Wildlife & Parks Branch Update

Thu 8/18/2022 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Updates and information about BIA Midwest Region's Wildlife & Parks programs, including Circle of Flight, Endangered Species, Fish Hatchery Maintenance, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Invasive Species, Noxious Weeds Management, and Tribal Youth Initiative.

Presenters:

Harold Peterson, Acting Fish & Wildlife Biologist
Albany Jacobson Eckert, Natural Resources Officer, BIA

How to Turn Piles of Rocks into Piles of Money

Thu 8/18/2022 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

In these times of supply chain issues, staggering inflation, and high energy costs, wouldn't it be refreshing to learn about an Indian operated company that bucks the trend and is highly successful right out of the chute? We are talking about changing a Tribes aggregate resources into viable economic engines. Welcome to the Division of Energy and Mineral Development's (DEMD) comprehensive business approach to aggregate development.

This technical assistance is a broad based approach that begins with determining the quality and quantity of the aggregate resource and ends with the establishment of a fully functioning aggregate business. It utilizes the multiple skill sets of DEMD technical staff. It is both hands on and proactive. The varied skill sets brought to a project include:

- GEOLOGY--Assessment of a resource's quality and quantity
- ENGINEERING--Mine modeling, equipment needs, Capex/Opex calculations, economic analyses, mine and reclamation plans.
- MARKETING---local/regional sales forecasts, market forecasting, existing and future competition
- FINANCIAL ANALYSIS--short/long term income streams, financial documents, potential lenders, government contracts, grants
- LOANS--BIA Loan Guarantees, working with local/regional/national lending institutions
- LAND MANAGEMENT--consolidation of Tribal lands, identification of desirable land acquisitions, fee to trust

A specific example of the successful application of this comprehensive approach to resource development is DEMD's assistance to the Fort Independence Paiute Tribe, located in east-central California. In approximately one year the Tribe now has a tribally owned and operated sand & gravel quarry company named Grinding Rock Aggregates (GRA). GRA has created a state-of-the-art sand & gravel quarry processing facility and is operating in a high demand market with limited competition for aggregates sales. GRA is currently producing over 1,500 tons per day of clean aggregate of several size and quality classes for different construction projects. In years two, three, four and five projected net profits amount to more than \$3 million per year.

Long term projected sales through 2030, in the area where GRA is located are about 2030 include \$200 million in gross revenue based on a projected need of 18 million tons of aggregate. GRA is poised to become a key supplier for these long-term projects.

How's that for a "startup" company?

Presenters:

Dennis Bodenchuk, Deputy Division Chief (Acting) and Solid Minerals Branch Chief, Division of Energy and Economic Development (DEMD)
Christopher Benson, Minerals Geologist, DEMD

Indian Gaming Fee-to-Trust Applications

Thu 8/18/2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

This course will provide an overview of the fee-to-trust process for gaming and the exceptions to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act's general prohibition on the conduct of gaming on lands acquired in trust after October 17, 1988.

Presenters:

Philip Bristol, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Indian Gaming;
Introduction by: Paula L Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming
Maja Pepion, Management Analyst, Office of Indian Gaming

Fee to Trust Regulatory Update

Thu 8/18/2022 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Presenters from the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs will provide updates on proposed revisions to 25 CFR Part 151.

Presenters:

Maria Wiseman, Senior Policy Advisor for Climate and the Environment, Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
Stephanie Sfridis, Senior Counselor, Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
Rose Petoskey, Senior Counselor, Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Friday, August 19, 2022

PIA Closing Ceremony

Fri 8/19/2022 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM