

## **CONSULTATIONS**

#### **UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS**

### THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - Indian Affairs Public Health Needs Assessment

Written Comments due August 8, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to renew an information collection titled Indian Affairs Public Health Needs Assessment. Learn more <u>here.</u>

# THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts, 25 CFR 23.13

Written Comments due August 8, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to renew an information collection titled Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts, 25 CFR 23.13. Learn more here.

#### **THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - Tribal Enrollment Count**

Written Comments due August 8, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to renew an information collection titled Tribal Enrollment Count. Learn more **here.** 

## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - WIC Tribal Organizations and U.S. Territories Study**

Written Comments due August 12, 2025

The Department of Agriculture invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection for the WIC Tribal Organizations and U.S. Territories Study. This is a new information collection request. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administers the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program to improve the health of nutritionally at-risk women and children. WIC is one of the nation's most successful public health nutrition programs. This study involves all 32 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs, "Tribal Organizations") and 5 U.S. territories that operate WIC State agencies, 5 tribally operated local WIC agencies, and approximately 15 geographic State agencies that share a border with a Tribal Organization. This study aims to inform FNS about variations in operations among Tribal Organizations, U.S. territories, and geographic States administering WIC as local and State agencies. The results of the study may inform efforts to improve WIC program operations and participant services. Learn more here.



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## THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Native Employment Works Plan Guidance and Program Report

Written Comments due August 18, 2025

The Administration for Children & Families is requesting a 3-year extension of the Native Employment Works (NEW) Plan Guidance and NEW Program Report (Office of Management and Budget #0970-0174, expiration August 31, 2025). There are minor changes requested to the NEW Plan Guidance. Learn more **here.** 

### THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Nominations for National Advisory Council on Indian Education

Nominations due August 31, 2025

The Department of Education is seeking nominations for individuals to fill vacant seats and serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. Learn more <u>here.</u>

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - Nominations for Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs**

Nominations due August 31, 2025

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations, is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs to represent the following Indian Health Service Areas: Great Plains, Portland, Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Alaska, Albuquerque, Native Hawaiian, Urban Indian, and Member At-Large. Learn more <a href="here.">here.</a>

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Petitions for Federal Acknowledgement as an American Indian Tribe

Nominations due September 3, 2025

The Department of the Interior gives notice that the group known as the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a petitioner for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe, has chosen to complete the petitioning process under the current version of the acknowledgment regulations (as revised July 31, 2015). The Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians had been proceeding under the previous version of the regulations (as they existed prior to July 31, 2015). The Department seeks comment and evidence from the public on the petition. Learn more here.



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### **THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - Grazing Permits**

Written Comments due September 9, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to renew an information collection titled "Grazing Permits." Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

# THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Programs

Written Comments due September 9, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to renew an information collection titled "Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Programs." Learn more <u>here.</u>

# THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION - Tribal Education Department Grant Program

Written Comments due September 9, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Education is proposing to renew an information collection titled "Tribal Education Department Grant Program." Learn more <a href="here.">here.</a>

### THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - Trust Land Mortgage Lender Checklists

Written Comments due September 9, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to renew an information collection titled "Trust Land Mortgage Lender Checklists." Learn more <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### **THE FOREST SERVICE - Tribal Consultation on Alaska Roadless Rule**

Written Comments due October 21, 2025

The Forest Service is hosting a Tribal Consultation on proposed changes to the Alaska Roadless Rule. The agency held a Tribal Forum engagement session on this issue July 15th from 2-3:30 (EST). Learn more here.