



CONSULTATIONS ATTENDED

JUNE 13, 2025

US SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON 8(A) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM ISSUES AND BEST PRACTICES

SBA held a tribal consultation in Anchorage, AK, to gather feedback on improving the 8(a) and Mentor-Protégé programs, particularly for ANC- and tribally owned firms. Topics included protecting the statutory foundation of the 8(a) program, marketing challenges due to affiliation assumptions, mentor dominance in joint ventures, and GSA-related procurement access issues. SBA committed to reviewing all comments for future rulemaking. NNWO attended the consultation, observed strong support for maintaining tribal sovereignty in SBA programs, and gathered notes for potential follow-up on letters or op-ed engagement.

JUNE 24, 2025

CONSULTATION WITH OFFICE OF NAVAJO HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION

NNWO coordinated a consultation between the Navajo Hopi Land Commission, the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, and the Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR). The purpose of the consultation was for the Land Commission to gather information about the likely closure of ONHIR.



UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - Abandoned Hardrock Mine Reclamation Program

Consultation on July 8 & 9, 2025 | No deadline given for Written Comments

The U.S. Department of the Interior is seeking Tribal feedback and recommendations on a draft grant solicitation entitled “Abandoned Hardrock Mine Reclamation (AHMR) Program Tribal Grant Directed Announcement, May 2025.” Learn more [here](#).

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES - SLTPS Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting held on July 9 at 10am ET

The National Archives is announcing an upcoming meeting of the State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTPS-PAC) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations. Learn more [here](#).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - Tribal Consultation Regarding NEPA and NHPA Processes

Consultation on July 15, 2025 | No deadline given for Written Comments

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau's Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) announced an upcoming opportunity for federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Native Hawaiian Organizations to consult with Commission staff regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act. Learn more [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - Tribal Access Program Application

Written Comments due July 7, 2025

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review: Tribal Access Program Application. Learn more [here](#).



UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Ensuring Lawful Regulations and Unleashing Innovation to Make America Healthy Again

Written Comments due July 14, 2025

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

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

Written Comments due July 14, 2025

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Major Reconstruction of the Department

Consultation on July 16 & 17, 2025 | Written Comments due July 18, 2025

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced a Tribal listening session on its reorganization efforts. The consultation is from 12:00-5:30 on July 16 - July 17, 2025. Learn more [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - Nominations for the Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs

Nominations due July 18, 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 [here](#).



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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Nominations for Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

Written Comments due July 18, 2025

The Department of Housing and Urban Development seeks nominations for HUD's Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Learn more [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - Employment and Training Program Year 2025 WIOA Section 166, Indian and Native Programs Grantee Allotments

Written Comments due July 23, 2025

The Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration is announcing allotments for PY 2025 for the Indian and Native American (INA) Programs. The PY 2025 INA Program allotments become effective for the grant period that begins July 1, 2025. Learn more [here](#).

THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION - Executive Order 14191: Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families

Consultation on July 14 & 15, 2025 | Written Comments due July 25, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Education is hosting additional Tribal consultations on Executive Order 14191 - Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families. The EO Section 7 directed the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) within 90 days to review any available mechanisms under which families of students eligible to attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools may use their Federal funding for educational options of their choice, including private, faith-based, or public charter schools. Learn more [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - FY 2026 - 2030 Strategic Plan

Consultations on July 17, 18, 24 & 26, 2025 | Written Comments due July 25, 2025

The Department of the Interior (Department) is preparing to release its Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Strategic Plan in October 2025. The strategic plan outlines the Department's strategic goals and objectives for the next four years. These objectives will be supported by performance measures that define the outcomes the Department seeks to achieve. These goals are measured annually to ensure transparency and accountability. The Department is committed to working in partnership with Tribal Nations to develop performance measures and improve how progress is measured, ensuring the outcomes are meaningful and valuable to Tribal communities. The FY2026-2030 Strategic Plan may look a bit different from years past, as it will be more streamlined in terms of length. The Department is streamlining the Plan to support the administration's goal of providing clear and concise documents to the American public. The Department invites Tribal participation. Learn more [here](#).



UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS

THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES - Federal Agency Collaboration with State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Governments

Written Comments due July 28, 2025

The Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) is requesting public input on Federal agency approaches and processes for collaborating with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments when administering Federal programs. Learn more [here](#).

THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - TANF Data Report, Tribal Annual Report, and Tribal Reasonable Cause/Corrective Action Documentation Process

Written Comments due July 28, 2025

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Data Report, Tribal TANF Annual Report, and Tribal TANF Reasonable Cause/Corrective Action Documentation Process (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0215, expiration June 30, 2025). There are minor changes requested to the form. Learn more [here](#).

THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Office of Child Support Services Tribal Consultation

Consultation on June 30, 2025 | Written Comments due July 31, 2025

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Services, will host a virtual Tribal Consultation on June 30, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET. During the session, OCSS leadership will seek input on the following topics: (1) Implementing Public Law 118-258 – Supporting America's Children and Families Act; (2) Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) systems and data including the Federal Case Registry (FCR); (3) Systems Security and Safeguarding; (4) Employment and Training Services Final Rule. Learn more [here](#).

THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION and the DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - Joint BIE and Education Department Tribal Stakeholder Consultation

Consultation on July 1, 2025 | Written Comments due August 1, 2025

The Bureau of Indian Education and the Department of Education are hosting a joint consultation. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (DOI/BIE) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) are required to enter into an agreement for the distribution and use of certain ESEA funds for Covered Programs under terms that the Secretary of Education determines best meet the purposes of those programs. 20 U.S.C. § 7824(a)(2)(A). Learn more [here](#).



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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 [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - Implementation of the Supporting America's Children and Families Act

Consultation on July 17 | Written Comments due August 18, 2025

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is hosting a Tribal consultation on the implementation of the Supporting America's Children and Families Act. Learn more [here](#).

THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE - Strategic Realignment

Consultations on July 8, 10, 15, 23 & 28, 2025 | Written Comments due August 28, 2025

The Indian Health Service has issued a Dear Tribal Leader Letter with announcing consultations on a proposed realignment. Specifically, the IHS is seeking feedback on three areas: (1) Delivery of Direct Patient Care; (2) Enterprise/Operational Management; and (3) Supporting Tribal Self-Determination. There will be four in-person consultations for Tribes and one virtual Urban Conference. It does not seem that the in-person sessions have a virtual option. Learn more [here](#).