

## **Proposal for new workgroup - Government to Government**

### **Background:**

U.S. Census has stated its commitment to the tenets of Executive Order #13175.

U.S. Census conducts census and surveys in cooperation with the governments of US Island Areas; which includes, American Samoa, Common Wealth of the Northern Marianas, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Trust Territory of Pacific Islands (TTPI) and Canal Zone.

On September 29, 2015, the Department of Interior released a framework for the re-establishment of a unified government for Native Hawaiians which could determine a relationship with the United States.

### **Proposal:**

This crosscutting issue of government to government relations warrants a special workgroup to address the following issues not covered by existing workgroups;

1. Developing and implementing the formal processes for consultation with all governments respecting the tenets of 13175 and new tenets that will be developed by other independent nations under domestic dependency.
2. Access to Tribal and Nation Administrative Records (i.e. Tribal Enrollment, Native Hawaiian Homelands, Native Enrollment - Kana'ioloawalu).
3. Community Outreach and Education to increase participation
4. Barriers to Internet access and the conflict of increased use of the Internet to conduct the census that will result in the exclusion of these populations.
5. Address the sensitivity related to data release on Tribal specific or Nation specific data.
6. Address misclassification issues in administrative records (studies show 74% misclassification for AIAN in some areas.)
7. Improving technical assistance and outreach targeting Tribes, Native Hawaiians, Territories, and other US jurisdictions participating in census and surveys issued by the U.S. Census.

Definitions:

From U.S. Code - Title 13

13 U.S. Code § 184 -

(1)

the term “local unit of general purpose government” means the government of a county, municipality, township, Indian tribe, Alaskan native village, or other unit of government (other than a State) which is a unit of general government,

13 U.S. Code § 16 -

(2)

the term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER 13175—CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to establish regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes.