

# Tribal Consultations

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## Overview and Updates

- The Census Bureau has conducted six of the eight scheduled tribal consultation meetings with federally recognized tribes
- A two half day national webinar with federally recognized tribes will be conducted April 6-7, 2016 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm ET
- Executive Order 13175 “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” requires the Census Bureau to conduct consultations with federally-recognized tribal governments prior to any planning or decision making that impacts or could impact these tribal governments
- The U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Consultation and Coordination Policy was signed in October 2008 at the National Congress of American Indians by Director Steve H. Murdock
- Lessons learned from our 2007 Tribal Consultation meetings were to meet early in the decade before decisions are made



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## Purpose

- Improve communications with tribal officials
- Create an opportunity for American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) governments to raise issues and Census Bureau to gain insight
- Provide early notification of plans for the 2020 Census



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## Input from Tribal Governments

The Census Bureau is seeking input from tribal governments regarding:

### Enumeration

- Internet, Telephone, Paper
- Nonresponse FollowUp

### Population Statistics

- Self-reported
- Tribal enrollment

### Geography

- Address Lists, boundaries

### Recruiting

### Communications

- Promoting engagement with Census
- Promoting self-response

### Partnerships

- Critical component of Communications
- Tribal Governments Liaison Program

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## Themes

### Enumeration

- Some tribes reported that internet response is currently not a viable option for members and requested an in-person enumerator – specifically a local, tribal person
- Connectivity is issue in rural areas including Alaska, Navajo Nation, Pueblos
- Communication via Facebook is an increasingly common social media platform that tribes are using to connect with tribal members
- Elders will fill out their form if tribal leader asks them to - younger generation will go online and respond
- Hire locally to assist with enumeration – trust issue

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## Themes Continued

### Population Statistics

#### Tribal Enrollment

- Concerns were expressed regarding the appropriate ways in which tribal enrollment could be collected
- Most cite it's a sovereign issue and are concerned about different enrollment criteria from tribe to tribe
- A few tribes, however, were open to using enrollment data for educational and programmatic purpose

#### Coding and Classification

- Tribes were interested in how AIAN responses from the race question were coded, classified, and tabulated under each federally recognized tribe name and felt this knowledge would help them elicit a better response
- Tribes expressed intent to review and update the Census Bureau's code lists for any name or term changes

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### Geography

- Tribes expressed appreciation for information about geography programs
- Some tribes requested one-on-one training
- Partnership specialists will work with tribal governments to improve tribal geographic participation

### Partnerships

- There were tribal participants who served as tribal liaisons in past censuses and provided insight for Census and other tribes about the AIAN program
- Tribal government liaison was well received – most expressed desire that it was a Census-funded position
- Tribal Complete Count Committees were documented as one of the more successful outreach efforts on tribal lands
- Working with AIAN urban organizations was recognized to be important

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### Recruiting

- Many tribal participants worked during prior censuses in positions such as enumerators, LCO managers, partnership specialists, partnership assistants, and LCO manager assistants
- Tribes are willing to assist in all phases of recruiting

### Communications

- Best sources to reach tribal members is via Facebook, tribal newspapers and tribal radio
- Key messaging is of critical importance to garner tribal members to participate in the census

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## Meeting Sites

	Census Bureau Regional Offices	Number of Tribes	City	Date	Conference
1.	Chicago	16	Morton, MN Jackpot Junction Casino & Resort Hotel	October 7, 2015.	Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST)
2.	Los Angeles	13	Anchorage, AK	October 14 -15, 2015	Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN)
3.	Los Angeles	8	San Diego, CA	October 23-24, 2015	NCAI's 72 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention
4.	Atlanta	2	Choctaw, MS	October 29, 2015	USET Annual Meeting Pearl River Resort Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
5.	Denver	30	Albuquerque, NM Isleta Resort & Casino	November 18, 2015	All Pueblo's Council of Governors (APCG)
6.	New York	4	Uncasville, CT Mohegan Sun Casino & Resort	December 14, 2015	Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut
7.	Denver		Ft. Yates, N.D. Sitting Bull College	February 5, 2016	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
8.	Philadelphia		Washington, DC	March 24, 2016	Department of Interior Tribal Interior Budget Council Meeting (DOI TIBC)
9.	Census HQ		Suitland, MD	April 6 – 7, 2016 1:00 – 5:00 pm ET	National Webinar

More information at [http://www.census.gov/aian/census\\_2020](http://www.census.gov/aian/census_2020)

## Tribal Consultations Contact Information

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