WHAT: USDA TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS ON BARRIERS/EQUITY: ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT & FEEDBACK FOR NEXT STEPS

TIME: 2:00-5:00pm ET

DATES:
MON APRIL 11  ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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FRI APRIL 15  FORESTS & PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT
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MON APRIL 18  EDUCATION & RESEARCH
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MONDAY APRIL 11

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA

2-3:00pmET  TRIBAL CAUCUS
Co-hosted by Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA), National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAI), and Native CDFI

3-5:00pmET  TRIBAL CONSULTATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Mission Area: Rural Development (RD)
Agencies: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and the Innovation Center

Introduction/Consulting Officials:
- Under Secretary for Rural Development, Xochitl Torres Small
- Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Justin Maxson

2021 Barriers Progress & 2022 Next Steps:
1) Improving USDA’s Recognition of Tribal Jurisdiction and Sovereignty Over Tribal Lands/USDA “Legacy” Preferences
2) Clarifying and Improving Eligibility for Tribal-Owned Entities for USDA Programs
3) Improving Access to USDA Economic Development Financing
4) Increasing Funding Investments:
   a. Need for Grants over Loans
   b. Increasing Program Flexibility
   c. Waiver of Matching Funds Requirement
   d. Use of Other Federal Funds in Conjunction with USDA Funding
   e. Set-Asides for Tribal Governments
5) Clarifying Tribal Definitions & Utilizing Tribal Data Whenever Possible
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TUESDAY APRIL 12
FOOD, SAFETY, AND TRADE

AGENDA

2-3:00pm ET  TRIBAL CAUCUS
Hosted by Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI), Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), and National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

3-5:00pm ET  TRIBAL CONSULTATION: FOOD, SAFETY, & TRADE
Mission Areas: Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS), Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (TFAA), and Food Safety
Agencies: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), and Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Introduction/Consulting Officials:
- Food, Nutrition and Service (FNCS), Deputy Under Secretary, Stacy Dean
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Administrator, Cindy Long
- Food Safety (FS), Deputy Under Secretary, Sandra Eskin
- Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (TFAA), Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Jason Hafemeister (2021 Consultation Official)
- Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP), Under Secretary, Jenny Lester Moffitt
- Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP), Deputy Under Secretary, Mae Wu (2021 Consultation Official)

2021 Barriers Progress & 2022 Next Steps:
1) Revise Procurement Policies: Small Batch/Local Indigenous Foods
2) Streamline Contracting for Tribal Providers
3) Increase Tribal Self-Governance Opportunities
4) Expand Support for Indigenous Food Sovereignty
5) Increase Indigenous Foods/Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into Nutrition Education
THURSDAY APRIL 14

FARMING, RANCHING, AND CONSERVATION

AGENDA

2-3:00pm ET  TRIBAL CAUCUS
Hosted by Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI), and InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)

3-5:00pm ET  TRIBAL CONSULTATION: FARMING, RANCHING, AND CONSERVATION
Mission Area: Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) and Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP)
Agencies: Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Introduction/Consulting Officials:
- Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), Under Secretary, Robert Bonnie
- Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), Deputy Under Secretary, Gloria Montaño Greene (2021 Consultation Official)
  - Farm Services Agency (FSA), Administrator, Zach Ducheneaux
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Chief, Terry Cosby
  - Risk Management Agency, Administrator, Marcia Bunger
- Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP), Under Secretary, Jenny Lester Moffitt
- Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP), Deputy Under Secretary, Mae Wu (2021 Consultation Official)
  - Agricultural Marketing Service, Administrator, Bruce Summers

2021 Barriers Progress & 2022 Next Steps:
1) Eligibility Issues: Land, Leases, & Farms/Misalignment with BIA Agricultural Leases
2) Indian Country Lack of Access to USDA Agricultural/Land Financing
3) Expand Support for Traditional Foods/Food Ways
4) Value Add/Shared Supply Chain Resources Targeted for Indian Country
5) Increase Field Office Knowledge
6) Tribal Representation and Voice at USDA
AGENDA

2-3:00pm ET  **TRIBAL CAUCUS**
Hosted by Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) and the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC)

3-5:00pm ET  **TRIBAL CONSULTATION: FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT**
*Mission Area*: Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)
*Agency*: Forest Service

**Introduction/Consulting Officials:**
- National Resources and Environment (NRE), Under Secretary, Dr. Homer Wilkes
- National Resources and Environment (NRE), Deputy Under Secretary, Meryl Harrell
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Chief, Randy Moore
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Deputy Chief, Chris French (*2021 Consultation Official*)

**2021 Barriers Progress & 2022 Next Steps:**
1) Identify and Increase Tribal Co-Management Opportunities
2) Tribal Homelands Restoration
3) Inconsistent Enforcement of Treaties/Statutes
4) Tribal Access for Subsistence and Traditional Uses
5) Better Incorporation and Protection of ITEK into Forest Management
MONDAY APRIL 18
EDUCATION & RESEARCH

AGENDA

2-3:00pmET  TRIBAL CAUCUS
Co-hosted by American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), and National Indian Education Association (NIEA)

3-5:00pmET  TRIBAL CONSULTATION: EDUCATION & RESEARCH
Mission Areas: Research, Education and Economics (REE)
Agencies: National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Economic Research Service (ERS), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and 1994 Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities Program

Introduction/Consulting Officials:
• Research, Education, and Economics (REE), Deputy Under Secretary, Dr. Shefali Mehta
• ARS Administrator, Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young (2021 Consultation Official)
• Acting NIFA Director, Dr. Dionne Toombs

2021 Barriers Progress & 2022 Next Steps:
1) Integrate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge & Practices
2) Funding Parity for 1994 Land-Grants (1994s)
3) Increase USDA Partnerships with 1994s
4) Streamline NIFA Grants processes for 1994s
5) Revise and increase Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)/Tribal Extension Funding Terms