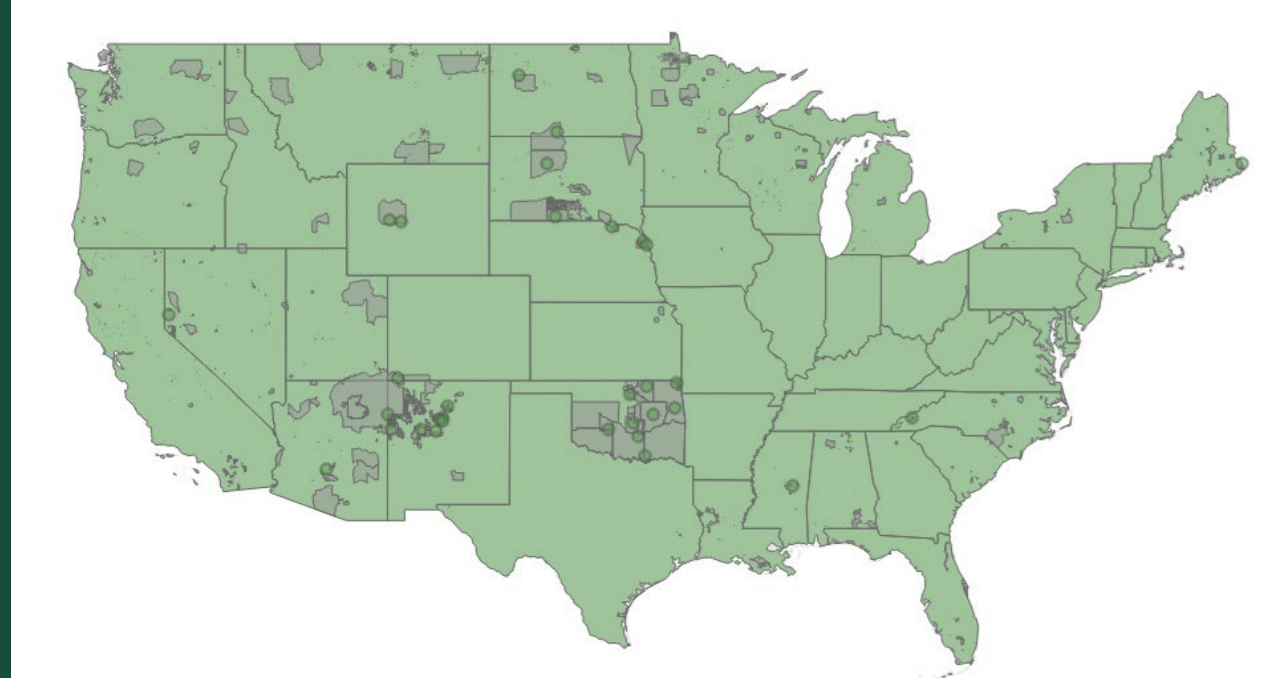


# USDA Tribal Consultation

## WIC ITOs and Territories Study

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**Background:** We have prior evidence that ITOs and territories....

- Have unique funding and administrative structures
- Typically have the highest costs across all State agencies

**Purpose:** To better understand the experience of ITOs and territories administering WIC and how their experience compares to that of the geographic State agencies.

**Approach:**

- Qualitative study
- Sample: 32 ITOs, 5 U.S. territories, and 5 Tribally operated local agencies
- Data sources:
  - Interviews and/or surveys with WIC State and local agency staff
  - Site observations



**Technical Working Group  
(TWG)**



**Tribal Consultations**



**Tribal Outreach and  
Engagement Plan**



**Tribal IRBs, MOUs, and/or  
other required Tribal approvals**

## Timeline:

- **July:** Solicitation issued for study contract
- **August:** Review of contractor proposals and selection of awardee
- **September:** Contract award and kickoff
- **October-December:** Study planning and instrument development



# Discussion Questions



- Do the study objectives and research questions below accurately and thoroughly reflect the Tribal experience administering WIC?
- Are there additional aspects of the Tribal experience administering WIC you want USDA to ensure they collect in the study?
- Does the qualitative approach (case studies, interviews, and/or surveys) fit the research questions?
- Are there research questions you would want USDA to prioritize or de-prioritize from the list or to add to the list?
- Do you have any concerns about the study or USDA's proposed approach?
- Do you have suggestions on conducting the study successfully you would like USDA to consider?

# Questions?

