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2013 STATE-TRIBAL LEADERS SUMMIT REPORT

Proposed Solutions & Commitments

New Mexico Indian Affairs Department

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2013 Summit Priorities

- **Indian Education**
- **Health**
- **Water Rights and Natural Resources**
- **Infrastructure and Economic Development**



Indian Education Issue Statements

Tribal Leaders identified the following concerns relating to Indian Education:

Government to Government Relationship:

- Need for effective and meaningful relationships
- State agencies need to be more pro-active
- Differing priorities of respective Tribal Leaders and State Administration

Indian Education Act:

- Need for adequate funding and equitable distribution of funds
- Earmarking of funds
- Need compliance mechanisms in place regarding accountability of the Act
- Tribal Leaders request to be consulted on appointments of members to the NM Indian Education Advisory Council

Public Education Department and Indian Education Division:

- Need for regular and consistent communication with Tribes
- Expenditure and accounting of public funds
- Education initiatives and priorities need to be more effective

Title VIII Impact Aid:

- Need more accountability for funds
- Need enforcement of Indian Policies & Procedures
- Understanding at all levels is needed



Indian Education

(Issues Continued)

- Need equitable distribution of funds

Unfunded Education Mandates:

- Creates additional burden for schools and communities
- Low morale leads to under stimulated learning environments
- Need more investment in New Mexico

Homegrown Teacher & Administrator Training Programs:

- Shortage of homegrown, culturally sensitive teachers and administrators
- Low teacher compensation and earnings
- Teacher training programs need to be more reflective of community schools

Recognition of Home Languages:

- Focus on English only based medium of instruction
- Need for adequate resources to support language programs
- Need for a recognition of home languages in Public Education System

Student Testing:

- A lot of emphasis being placed on testing
- Schools and teachers need opportunity to be creative and innovative
- PARCC Assessment not clear or understood and expensive

Data Sharing:

- Need more sharing of student level data
- Need more comprehensive teacher and administrator data and sharing
- Need aggregation of data by Tribe across all schools in New Mexico



Indian Education (Issues Continued)

Higher Education:

- State Lottery Scholarship not available at Tribal Colleges (TCU's)
- Need more resources for career and workforce development
- Increasing costs of higher education

Supporting School Choice:

- Need more support for Tribal and community based schools
- Need better understanding of Tribal specific priorities and contributions
- Need a willingness to support innovative education models



Indian Education Proposed Solutions

Tribal Leaders made the following recommendations to the State:

- Frequent collaborative meetings on Indian education initiatives will strengthen government relations. In this regard, Tribal Leadership recommends an Annual Indian Education Summit
- Assurances that PED's continual implementation of the Indian Education Act accomplishes Federal mandates and provides direct services to Native American students
- Consider a process that uses State and Tribal commitment letters to ensure that IPPs are implemented
- Ensure the LEA's use of funding aligns with goals set by PED to address Indian education needs
- Consider providing information to Tribal Leaders through periodic newsletters and through additional information sessions on important issues such as Impact Aid and Indian Set-Aside funds
- Consider the benefits of initiating an audit of Impact Aid dollars and Indian Set-Aside dollars
- Consider whether Indian Set-Aside funds could be allocated through a local Tribal consortium
- Explore whether it would be an appropriate use of State Lottery funds and Indian gaming revenue sharing funds to allocate such funding toward Indian education initiatives
- Exploring the availability of additional State resources to fund Native language programs, such as State Bilingual Education resources, Impact Aid dollars, and other State funding



Indian Education (Solutions Continued)

- Explore state and federal legislative initiatives and programs that support Tribal government involvement in the education of Native students, including the State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) program, and the Native Culture Language, and Access for Success in Schools (CLASS) Act
- Continue to develop and evaluate culturally appropriate teaching methods, potentially including teaching and providing assessments in a student's home language
- Look into assisting Tribes that may be interested in charter school development



Indian Education Commitments

Governor Martinez and the Public Education and Higher Education Departments have committed to:

- Regionalize the Indian Education Division to best serve Native American students (Tribes, Pueblos, and school districts by providing better accessibility and visibility to services)
 - Region 1 – serving 11,016 Native American students: Central Consolidated, Farmington, Aztec, Bloomfield, and Cuba School districts
 - Region 2 – serving 12,651 Native American students: Gallup, Zuni, Magdalena, and Grants School districts
 - Region 3 – serving 10,767 Native American students: Taos, Penasco, Espanola, Pojoaque, Dulce, Jemez Valley, Jemez Mountain, Santa Fe, Bernalillo, Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Los Lunas, Tularosa, and Ruidoso School districts
- Coordinate cultural competency training for educators who work with Native American students
- Develop rules for the Indian Education Act
- Provide continuous technical assistance
- Professional development for teachers, administrators, and school board members
- Developing a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Indian Education regarding assessment and sharing of student data
- Target \$11.5 million to support New Mexico Reads to Lead



Indian Education (Commitments Continued)

- Provide funding to continue to support a common screening assessment, professional development, and reading coaches to interventionists
- PED will host regional “Readers Raise the Roof!” family nights
- Increase Pre-K readiness by \$4.95 million
- Increase the number of Pre-K school sites so that more children can be served
- SY 2013-2014 will serve 4,230 students
- Increase K-3 Plus by \$4.95 million
- Provide training for K-3 Plus teachers this summer in Albuquerque, Gallup, and Las Cruces
- Target \$750,000 for Advanced Placement expansion to include teacher training and test-fee waivers
- Target \$500,000 for career technical programs of study
- Target \$500,000 for 4-5 new early college high schools
- Target \$500,000 for development of a dropout prevention/early identification system
- Continue discussions with Tribal Colleges regarding several key issues: Data sharing; Capital projects; Dual credit; and Legislative Lottery Scholarships
- Continue working on the Native American College Readiness Initiative. This initiative will be modeled after the GEAR UP Program. This initiative will focus on those districts that have not participated in the past years GEAR UP programs



Indian Education State Accomplishments

The State of New Mexico has accomplished the following:

- PED, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, is working on the New Mexico Real Results with Santo Domingo School-Bernalillo Public Schools and Mesa Elementary School-Central Consolidated Schools. The Real Results Plan was developed to improve the reading growth rates of students with disabilities in D or F schools
- PED and EPICS are working on translating materials for the Readers Raise the Roof! Family blueprint into Navajo and make the materials more culturally relevant, in collaboration with Workshops-in-a-Box
- The Navajo Nation was awarded \$400,000 by the U.S. DOE for three years to build capacity for the Navajo Nation Department of Dine' Education to collaborate with the PED, the Central Consolidated School District, and the Gallup McKinley County School District to share student data and coordinate professional development opportunities around Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Navajo language teaching. The Final State-Tribal Education Pilot (STEP) Agreement to formalize this collaborative partnership will be executed by June 30, 2013



Indian Education

(State Accomplishments Continued)

The State of New Mexico has accomplished the following:

- Wrote a new funding formula for higher education. The new formula is based on:
 - Graduation rate
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, Health and Mathematics (STEHM) degrees awarded
 - At-Risk factors
- The Legislature has given \$4 million to be awarded through the funding formula for closing the achievement gap
- Tribal College relations – quarterly meetings with Tribal Colleges
 - A Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2007 for changing data needs in relation to the funding formula
 - Capital Outlay projects – discussion of changes relating to these projects
 - Dual Credit – for the first time this year Tribal Colleges will receive tuition reimbursement for dual credit courses
- Lottery Scholarships – Senate Memorial 101 requests creation of a committee co-chaired by the HED Secretary to study lottery scholarships solvency and make recommendations to legislation by December 1, 2013



Health Issue Statements

Tribal Leaders identified the following concerns relating to Health:

- Develop and maintain a true partnership between the State and Tribes that involves collaboration and consultation
- Health care discussions that are well planned and offer clear communication that is appropriate for Tribal Leadership
- Face to face collaboration on proposed revisions to policies, programs, and new initiatives
- Cultural competency is key to addressing concerns and Tribal Leaders would like to see increased interaction and knowledge regarding Tribal health programs
- The need to address the shortage of health care professionals in New Mexico
- Increased access to drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs within the State
- Emergency and non-emergency transportation and licensing
- The need for data collection and health assessments in Tribal communities
- The effective and efficient coordination of Medicaid benefits for Tribal members
- Added oversight regarding recipient issues with the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- Need for a Tribal consultation on Medicaid expansion



Health

(Issues Continued)

- Tribes would like to see continued examination, education, and outreach with regard to the Centennial Care Plan and how it will affect Tribes
- The State can work in collaboration with Tribal communities, Tribal health programs, and the Indian Health Service on the development of the Care Coordinator role within Tribal communities
- Conducting outreach to Tribal communities on the Affordable Care Act, specifically the Navigator Program, Assistors Program, and Certified Application Counselors
- Tribal leaders would like more information on HSD's new system, the Automated System Program and Eligibility Network (ASPEN), as well as more information on the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
- Tribal leaders would like more information on the development of the Health Insurance Exchange (HIX) and on health insurance in general
- The availability and access to affordable secondary health care providers, particularly with regard to the electronic medical record mandates
- Receipt of timely Medicaid payments
- Regarding the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, there are concerns about the design, effective dates of applying for health insurance, proof of Tribal membership, design and implementation of the Native American Service Center
- Also, Tribal leaders request the Health Insurance Exchange Board adopt a Tribal consultation and collaboration policy



Health

Proposed Solutions

Tribal Leaders made the following recommendations to the State:

- Build strong governmental relationships by conducting meetings between the State and Tribal officials to develop health care policy and partnerships and by ensuring appropriate follow up
- Explore focused and meaning State-Tribal Collaboration Act consultations with Tribes on health issues
- Consider forming a Tribal Advisory Committee to assist the State in communications and outreach efforts to Tribal governments
- Explore whether regular audits of the MCOs regarding timely payments to Tribes would be beneficial
- Continually monitor comments from Indian Health Service facilities, Tribally-owned 638 health programs, and urban Indian Health programs (I/T/Us) regarding patient care coordination
- Work cooperatively regarding transportation issues and the application process for non-emergency/emergency transportation licensure



Health

(Solutions continued)

- Continue to support educational programs for health care professionals
- Consider allocating additional State funding for substance abuse rehabilitation programs
- Ensure effective implementation of New Mexico's Centennial Care Plan and the Affordable Care Act provisions with regard to Native American citizens



Health Commitments

Governor Martinez and the Department of Health and the Human Services Department have committed to:

- DOH has a goal of increasing awareness of traditional gardening and planting for Native communities
- DOH also hopes to increase awareness of having a healthy lifestyle by establishing the walking and hiking trails in Tribal communities
- DOH strives to help Tribal communities by encouraging an increase in activities and this will reduce obesity and Type II diabetes in Native Americans in New Mexico
- DOH's other goals for Native Americans include: encouraging better access to health care and prevention services (especially for breast and cervical cancer) and encouraging better access to developmental disability services for children and adults
- HSD remains committed to continuing open communication and collaboration with Tribes
- HSD fully intends to education on the benefits of the Centennial Care Plan
- HSD's Medicaid Director has a goal that MCOs will pay for the services rendered by the I/T/Us and other Indian Health providers on time and in an accurate manner
- The Centennial Care Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are obligated to form a Native American Advisory Board, which will meet directly with the MCOs and they are able to talk to them directly about issues that are affecting the Native American community



Health

State Accomplishments

The State of New Mexico has accomplished the following:

- DOH successfully facilitated a State and Tribal Celebration of Health and Wellness week with several Tribes participating
- DOH has worked in collaboration with the UNM Center for Native American Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy to engage the Tribes in developing Tribal community health profiles
- DOH provides technical support to Tribal health boards in their 638 health clinic process and publishes annual health care data
- HSD has met with Tribes on many occasions to provide presentations on Centennial Care
- The Native American Technical Advisory Committee, a subcommittee to the Medicaid Advisory Committee, was formed. It is made up of Native American stakeholders and its primary goal is to advise the Medicaid Director on Medicaid issues in Indian Country
- Efforts are underway to provide education and information statewide on what new health insurance options will be available to qualifying Native Americans through Centennial Care/Medicaid expansion or the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange



Health

(State Accomplishments continued)

- The Native American Work Group advised the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Task Force on the development of an exchange, with an emphasis on the unique provisions and function of an exchange for Native American communities and members



Water Rights and Natural Resources Issue Statements

Tribal Leaders identified the following concerns relating to Water Rights and Natural Resources:

- A strong and meaningful partnership between the State and the N.M. Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos to address the water rights issues, jurisdiction, and enforcement
- Clearly define consultation parameters and strong cooperative agreements benefiting both parties and promote more successful collaboration
- That Governor Martinez continue support for appropriations to the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund to fund New Mexico's cost share obligations
- More effective and continued collaboration with the six Middle Rio Grande Pueblos regarding the storage of water at El Vado dam and reservoir to serve the P&P irrigation water rights of the Pueblos
- Consultation regarding ongoing trans-basin diversions of water that will affect Tribal lands. There is also concern about the distribution of the water of the Rio Pueblo and how such diversions are measured
- Concern with the potential effects of population growth and the diversion of water in the Rio Grande. Collaboration encouraged between municipalities and other affected parties to ensure that transfers do not adversely affect all water users
- State-Tribal collaboration is needed in the area of state disaster declarations and emergency responses, especially as it related to fire prevention, protection, and flood mitigation



Water Rights and Natural Resources Proposed Solutions

Tribal Leaders made the following recommendations to the State:

- Continue to use the State-Tribal Collaboration Act to improve collaboration and communication between the Tribes and all cabinet-level agencies
- Continued support for appropriations to the Indian Water Rights Settlement Fund to fund New Mexico's cost share obligations, additionally assuring that these appropriations will not come at the expense of other funding sources available to the Tribes
- Consider allocating additional funding toward irrigation system projects that would promote water efficiency
- Consider assisting Tribes in their relations with the MRGCD and the request for an audit from the MRGCD; Work to protect senior water rights held by Tribes, including enforcement actions by State and Tribes to shut down illegal diversions of water
- Continue Tribal representation on boards, work groups, and organizations that address water rights issues
- Explore partnerships regarding fire fuel reduction projects which includes the availability of state resources for Tribal use and use of Tribal field crews to complete projects
- Tribal support when Governor Martinez requests additional federal funding for emergency management, including fire fuels management, fire control, and fire scar rehabilitation
- Develop a coordinated and comprehensive plan of support during fires, in the aftermath, and in prioritizing the use of existing resources for mitigation, rehabilitation, and flood protection



Water Rights and Natural Resources Commitments

Governor Martinez and the State have committed to:

- Drought Declaration issued by Governor Martinez providing federal support for New Mexicans
- NM Drought Task Force actions provided under Governor Martinez
- Active Water Resource Management
- Guiding communities to implement shortage sharing agreements
- Monitoring in real time water management decisions through the NMISC Eyes on the River Program
- Regional and State water planning updates
- Implementing AWRM basin specific rules to support water leasing in appropriate regions in NM
- Pilot Channel Maintenance to funnel as much water as possible in the Elephant Butte Irrigation Channel and Habitat Restoration Work in the Middle Rio Grande
- Utilize a Monitoring Work Group to monitor all climatological data, soil moisture readings, reservoir storage levels ,and other pertinent information necessary to analyze the currents status of drought conditions in the State of New Mexico
- Create an Impact Assessment Committee comprised of staff members with knowledge in the various impact sectors identified in existing drought plans
- Relay information gathered through the Monitoring Work Group and assessed through the Impact Assessment Group to the public



Water Rights and Natural Resources

State Accomplishments

The State of New Mexico has accomplished the following for Indian Water Rights:

- The N.M. Office of the State Engineer (OSE) and Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) continue to work closely with Tribal representatives to implement the three pending Indian water rights settlements: the Navajo Nation Water Rights Settlement, the *Aamodt* Water Rights Settlement, and the Taos Pueblo Water Rights Settlement. These efforts include ongoing education of legislators on the need for the State to fully fund the State's cost share obligations under these three settlements
- The State continues to work with the Tribes to resolve water rights claims in five other water rights adjudication suits. The State and Tribes are actively litigating the claims of the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna in the Rio San Jose adjudication; the claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe and the Navajo Nation in the Zuni adjudication; the claims of Jemez, Santa Ana and Zia Pueblos in the Jemez adjudication. The State engaged in preliminary settlement discussions with the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh in the Santa Cruz/Truchas adjudication which may extend to the Pueblo's claims in the Chama adjudication
- State Engineer, Scott Verhines, has appeared before the All Indian Pueblo Council to hear from Tribal Leadership. The State Engineer and the OSE Tribal Liaison met with the Pueblo of Acoma to address its position paper given to the agency at last year's State-Tribal Leaders Summit
- OSE staff and the representatives of Taos, Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque, and San Ildefonso Pueblos are working together to develop proposed legislation relating to leasing of water rights held by those Pueblos in relation to the Taos Pueblo and *Aamodt* settlements



Water Rights and Natural Resources

(State Accomplishments Continued)

- The State Engineer and ISC Director, along with the OSE Tribal Liaison, met with the Governor of San Ildefonso regarding the situation of the regional water system required by the *Aamodt* settlement
- The OSE Tribal Liaison worked with the ISC and San Ildefonso regarding access to stream gauging instruments located at the Otowi gage on the Rio Grande
- The OSE Tribal Liaison assisted the ISC in its request for permission from Ohkay Owingeh to access Pueblo lands above the confluence of the Rio Chama and Rio Grande to take streamflow measurements. Ohkay Owingeh leadership granted the requested access and the ISC provided to Ohkay Owingeh the data collected
- The OSE Tribal Liaison continues to work with the Pueblo of Santa Clara regarding the effects of the Las Conchas fire on the community
- State Engineer Verhines recently met with Gilbert Zepeda, Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service Southwest Region, to discuss watershed management and fire recovery issues. The State Engineer emphasized New Mexico's interest in prioritizing USFS activities to protect downstream water supplies
- State Engineer Verhines met with the Mescalero Apache Tribe on the Tribe's interest in leasing water rights to the Village of Ruidoso



Water Rights and Natural Resources

(State Achievements Continued)

- In March 2013, the State and the Jicarilla Apache Nation successfully concluded years of negotiation and collaborative technical work with the entry by the Chama adjudication court of a Consent Order recognizing the Nation's water rights on lands the Nation has acquired since the entry of the 1998 decree adjudicating the Nation's water rights on the Chama
- The New Mexico Water Trust Board recently approved two funding requests for projects proposed by Cochiti Pueblo to address the Pueblo's needs to mitigate recent fire damage on Pueblo lands and reduce the risk of future fire scar erosion



Water Rights and Natural Resources

(State Achievements Continued)

The State of New Mexico has accomplished the following for Natural Resources:

- In FY12, the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD) completed three Tribal projects for a total of \$716,000 in ARRA funding, provided through the US Department of Energy, State Energy Program (SEP)
- ECMD continues to respond to technical assistance requests from Tribal entities, which may include collaboration on woody biomass-to-energy, energy efficiency, regional transit, and alternative transportation fuels projects
- EMNRD's State Forestry Division (SFD) completed two Tribal ARRA funded projects – the Forest Inventory and Analysis project, which employed contractors from the Mescalero Apache, Navajo Nation, and Santa Clara Pueblo; and the Santa Clara Pueblo Ecosystem Restoration Project
- SFD holds several Joint Powers Agreements with Tribes and continues to work with the Tribes regarding fires suppression, hazardous fuel treatments, bosque restoration projects, access issues, and technical assistance to support those Tribes interested in forest industry as economic development
- EMNRD's Mining and Minerals Division facilitates the Abandoned Mine Land Program, and in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining, and various land managing agencies initiates tribal consultation prior to conducting safeguarding and reclamation activities



Water Rights and Natural Resources

(State Achievements Continued)

- EMNRD's Oil Conservation Division, State Parks Division, and Youth Conservation Corp also engage in Tribal initiatives for remedial proposals, cultural sites, park projects, and YCC grants
- While the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) does not have jurisdiction over Tribal waters under the N.M. Water Quality Act or the Federal Clean Water Act because many surface waters of the State pass through Tribal lands NMED consults with Tribal governments regarding: State and Tribal water quality standards; the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program; funding agreements for state-funded river restoration project; and watershed protection
- NMED continues to engage in consultation activities regarding mining and milling proposals, soil and water sampling, Tribal environmental program development, solid water management, illegal dumping, and hazardous waste issues relating to federal facilities
- NMED provides technical and administrative support to the Indian Affairs Department regarding the Tribal Infrastructure Fund program
- Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has provided support and services to most of the Tribes focused on providing technical assistance and resources in areas of planning, training, exercise, National Incident Management System compliance, grants management and funding, hazard mitigation, flood plain management, and disaster recovery



Infrastructure and Economic Development Issue Statements

Tribal Leaders identified the following concerns relating to Infrastructure and Economic Development:

- The Tribes want to foster a relationship with the State that will alleviate the barriers to economic development on Tribal lands through collaborative efforts and program services
- State programs and State assistance are requested to build Tribal capacity
- Technical assistance and capacity building in the area of loan financing and creative financing could help Tribes achieve success in the areas of public-private partnering, bond financing, and tax leveraging
- Job creation
- State-Tribal partnership opportunities to create economic policy and work toward business recruitment
- Economic opportunities are difficult to attract to Indian lands where infrastructure is not adequate



Infrastructure and Economic Development

(Issues continued)

- Need for funding resources has proven to be a major impediment to the Tribes in developing sustainable economies and vital infrastructure
- TIF funding has been extremely helpful in addressing critical Tribal needs, Tribal Leaders feel the funding does not go far enough and the need continues to grow each year
- Additional state funding is needed and requested
- Tribal governments and Tribal communities contribute a great deal to the State's economy, Tribal Leaders would like to see the State track dollars it spends and account for how these funds benefit all New Mexicans



Infrastructure and Economic Development Proposed Solutions

Tribal Leaders made the following recommendations to the State:

- Consider conducting a state-wide needs assessment for infrastructure and initiating a strategic plan to develop infrastructure before critical need develops
- Assist the Tribes in maneuvering through funding processes and loan financing
- Promote State-Tribal relationships that focus on economic partnership and creation of joint economic development policy
- Meet with the Tribes individually and consider periodic presentations on agency developments, possibly coordinated through IAD
- Explore the potential benefits of developing an accounting of all Tribally generated contributions to the State coffers and consider a tracking mechanism that shows how these funds benefit the entire State



Infrastructure and Economic Development

(Proposed Solutions continued)

- Consider increasing appropriations for the Tribal Infrastructure Fund and Capital Outlay
- Continue trainings, webinars, and meetings with the Tribes to provide information on creative financing, long term and socioeconomic benefits of investment, and building Tribal capacity
- Assist the Tribes by supporting Tribal training and outreach to investors, potential partners, and the public on Tribal sovereignty and the unique status of Tribal lands
- Consider increasing the number of priority projects on the Tribes' ICIP
- Explore the provision of additional planning grants to Tribes for the development of infrastructure inventories and economic development feasibility studies



Infrastructure and Economic Development Commitments

Governor Martinez and the State have committed to:

- The Economic Development Department (EDD), in collaboration with IAD, will develop a Tribal Communities Funding Resource Guide
- EDD strives to continue to assist communities in building capacity for development, facilitating strategic planning and thinking, encourage international trade opportunities, data sharing, and market intelligence
- EDD encourages Tribal communities to participate in the Certified Community Initiative Program (CCI)
- DFA will work with IAD to consult with Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos concerning implementation of Executive Order 2013-006 for tribal projects
- IAD will continue to collaborate with the Tribes in the following areas: improving access to capital for sustainable economic development projects; building capacity; housing projects; promoting Native enterprises; and developing critical infrastructure
- IAD will continue to provide regional outreach, funders forums, and training sessions to facilitate the TIF process



Infrastructure and Economic Development State Accomplishments

The State of New Mexico has accomplished the following for Infrastructure and Economic Development:

- TIF Board awarded \$16.3 million and funded 19 Tribal projects serving 8 Pueblos and 7 Navajo Nation chapters – 8 planning projects and 11 design and construction projects, including water and wastewater projects, roads projects, and comprehensive planning
- IAD, in collaboration with NMED and DFA, continuously provides regional outreach, funders forums, and training sessions to facilitate the TIF process
- The Tourism Department's Indian Tourism Program has developed and revamped "Native New Mexico Guide", conducted Tribal outreach for the Cooperative Marketing Grant Program, supported Expo New Mexico in holding the first N.M. Tribal informational booth at the State Fair Grounds' Indian Village during the state fair, and coordinated Tribal dance demonstrations during the N.M. Balloon Fiesta
- The Taxation and Revenue Department has entered into cooperative agreements with a number of Tribes concerning the state's gross receipts tax
- The Department of Transportation has entered into Joint Powers of Agreement with a number of Tribes concerning capital outlay transportation projects related to improvements and rehabilitation of tribal roads



Infrastructure and Economic Development

(State Accomplishments continued)

- The Economic Development Department's (EDD) Certified Community Initiative Program is working with the Pueblo of Pojoaque that focuses on the recruitment, retention, and expansion or creation of economic-base jobs
- Under EDD's MainStreet program, the Pueblo of Zuni became the *first* Native American MainStreet Community in the country
- IAD's Economic Development Division is currently developing a Community Development Financial Institutions Fund partnership that provides financial products and support
- IAD's Technical Assistance Help Center initiative provides Tribes access to a grant writer that provides technical assistance and program support in identifying, prioritizing, and developing submissions to external funding sources.
- IAD participates in the N.M. Tribal Planners Roundtable work group, which is currently developing a strategic plan to assist tribal communities in maneuvering in and through the planning process



THANK YOU!

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