Presentation Outline

• The Indian Country Data Working Group

• Shared Data Priority Goals and Actions

• Feedback from Tribal Consultation
The Importance of Quality Data for Indian Country

- Inform policy making
- Equitable resource distributions
- Effective program management
- Honor Tribal Sovereignty
The Indian Data Country Working Group

- Membership represents nine (9) different Federal Departments and organizations
- Monthly meetings to discuss data opportunities, challenges, and areas for collaboration.
- Ensuring Tribal sovereignty is recognized in all practices across Agencies
Shared Goals and Actions

a) Enhance Data Sharing and Access in a Manner Consistent with Tribal Data Sovereignty
b) Improve Data Quality and Integration
c) Create New Data Sources
d) Develop Key Economic and Program Research Products
Enhance Data Sharing and Access in a Manner Consistent with Tribal Sovereignty

❖ Improve capacity to balance tribal sovereignty with OPEN Data requirements and the ability to improve program delivery for Indian Country

▪ Clarify policy and develop best practices, such as standard data sharing agreements
▪ Establish a Tribal Data Advisory Board
Improve Data Quality and Integration

- Adopt a standard, unique tribal identifier to use across datasets
- Advance standards for geospatial information management
- Improve engagement with Tribes to increase participation in Census Bureau surveys, including the American Community Survey
- Increase refresh rate of the BIA Tribal leader directory
- Explore opportunities to check Census Bureau’s 2020 Decennial data for tribal affiliation self-identification against BIA tribal enrollment data to help validate Decennial data.
Create New Data Sources

- Collect tribal government revenues and expenditures to improve understanding of the economic impact of tribes
- Continue to collect Tribal Enrollment Data annually
- Explore developing a tribal service population dataset
- Explore with tribes to allow the Census Bureau to receive their administrative records through a Memorandum of Agreement
Develop Key Economic and Program Research Products

- **Conduct parity assessments for levels of funding (ongoing)** – an example would be Federal Funds support per student at Tribal Colleges and Universities compared to the average land grant university.

- **Monitor and engage in the Census Bureau’s work on disclosure avoidance modernization and how this is implemented for different Census Bureau products.**

- **Document best practices for how to integrate Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) into data collection, management and use policies, as well as policy making practices.**

- **Incentivize tribal government actions to increase participation in Census Bureau surveys by providing products that show the benefit of accurate representation in Census Bureau statistics.**

- **Assess economic impact of tribal economies on rural economies and national economies.**
Develop Key Economic and Program Research Products continued

- Highlight successful use of Tribal Economic Development (TED) Bonds – identifying characteristics of accepted/rejected applications and how much money is requested.
- Provide an in-depth analysis on economic disparities between American Indian/Native Alaskan individuals and other populations
- Assess the employment or business creation because of Buy Indian Act Authorities acquisitions
- Assess Paycheck Protection funds benefitting tribal businesses on and off reservation.
- Assess employment/unemployment trends at tribal levels
Tribal Feedback Framing Questions

- Do you agree with the proposed priority goals and actions?
  - Are there goals that are more urgent than others?

- Are there any changes you would make?

- Are there additional priorities which we should consider?
Tribal Comments Received

- The federal government should recognize Tribal Nation Data Sovereignty
  - Accept and utilize tribal self-certified data
  - Provide resources and technical assistance for tribes to collect, maintain, and utilize their own data
  - Tribes should determine whether data should be shared publicly and across the federal government
  - Continue consulting with tribes frequently on data issues

- Tribal Data should be protected from FOIA Requests

- Support for establishing a Tribal Data Advisory Board
THANK YOU