



Tribal Data Priorities Consultation Summary

TIBC Data Management Subcommittee Meeting

July 31, 2023



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

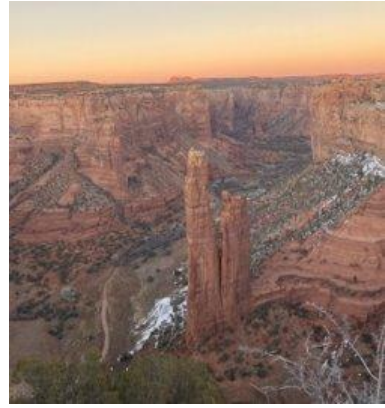
- ❖ *Improve capacity to balance tribal sovereignty with OPEN Data requirements and the ability to improve program delivery for Indian Country*
 - *Clarify policy and develop best practices, such as standard data sharing agreements*
 - *Establish a Tribal Data Advisory Board*

Improve Data Quality and Integratio



- ✓ 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



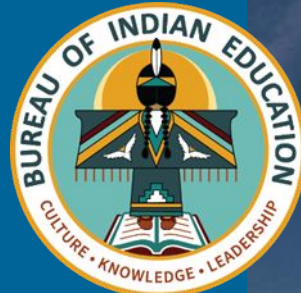
- **Do you agree with the proposed priority goals and actions?**
 - Are there goals that are more urgent than others?

- **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!