



Administrative Overview for TIBC

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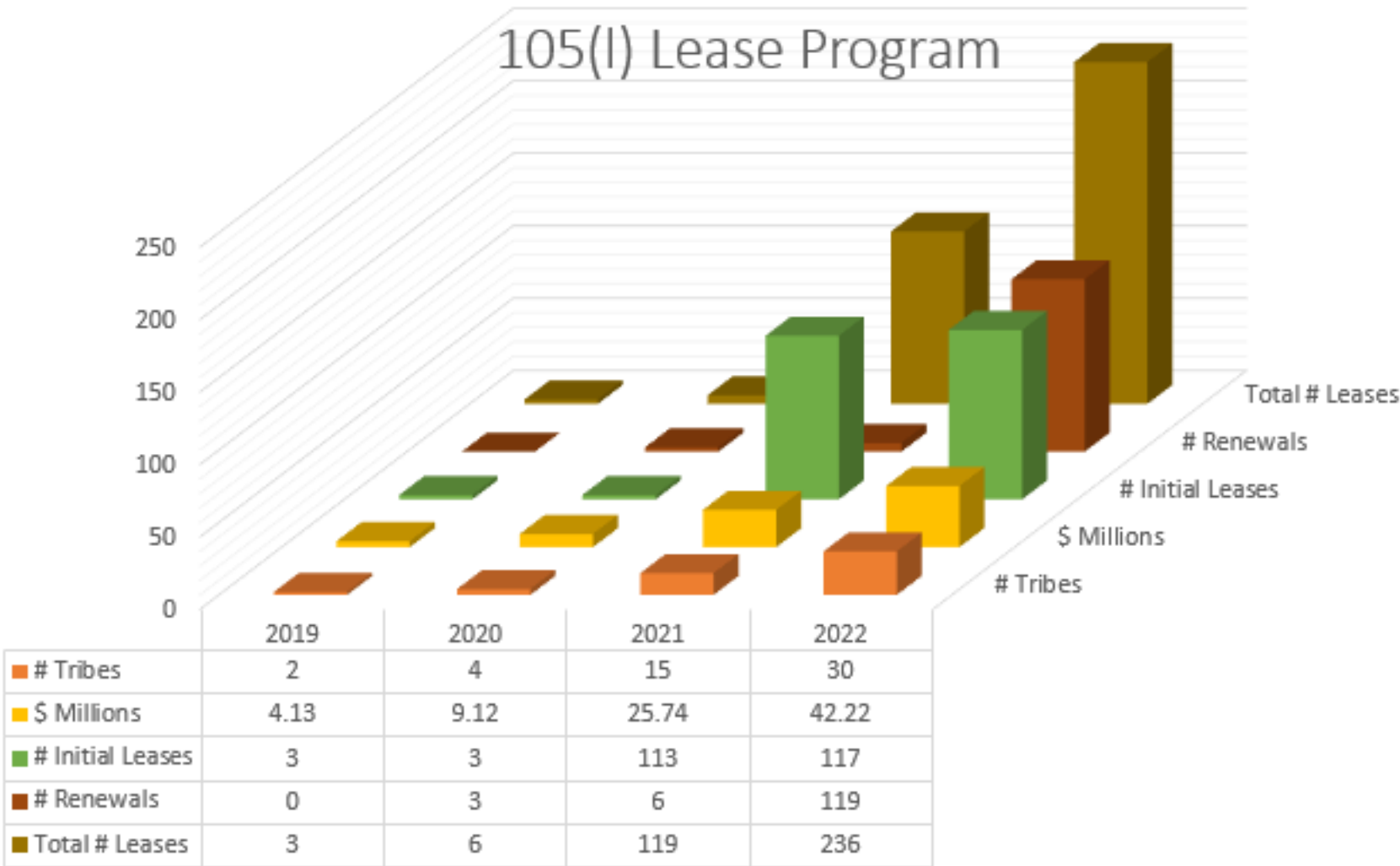
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New Leadership

Melody Armstrong New Director of Office of Human Capital Management

- Previously served as Executive Director Human Capital for DHS Transportation Security Agency
- Significant experience with modernization and process improvement

Implementation of 105(I)



Outyear Trends

- **FY 2022** final number of leases will be over 200, and cost at least \$42 million, as some tribes submitted proposals late in the year so they are being processed.
- **FY 2023:** expect over 200 lease renewals from 2022, assuming similar growth as in the past we could go above 300 leases and the \$55 million estimate that was in the FY 2023 Presidents Budget.
- **FY 2024:**
 - Total number of leases at a minimum would be the total number of leases for FY 2023, and with further growth we could go above 400 leases.
 - The FY 2024 President’s budget estimates \$83 million is needed.

Implementation of 105(I)

➤ **Technical Assistance**

- In FY 2023, held 35 technical assistance sessions with Tribes, including larger events like Self Governance Advisory Committee

- **Coordination:** Indian Affairs continues to work closely with Indian Health Service to ensure approaches are synched as much as possible as Tribal government use of 105(I) continues to evolve.

➤ **2024 President's Budget supports need to address quick growth in funding**

- Continues proposal to reclassify 105(I) as mandatory funding starting in FY 2024
- Includes additional funding for staffing to keep up with growing lease requests.

Developing a Data Strategy to Support Indian Country



- Indian Affairs established an Indian Country Data Working Group which is working on a high-level set of government wide goals to improve data management and capacity that can be presented to Tribes in consultation.
- Indian Affairs Chief Data Officer, Veronica Lane, is leading the monthly meetings with interagency partners, as well as working with data officers and leadership across all bureaus to develop an Indian Affairs-wide strategy.

Implementing Buy Indian Act



Indian Affairs	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Acquisitions (\$ in millions)	269	349	422	585
Acquisitions awarded to Indian Business (\$ in millions)	124	211	283	419
% of acquisitions awarded to Indian Businesses	46%	60%	67%	72%

- IA OCFO awarded the Small Business Champion award for advancing use of Buy Indian Act
- Working with other Interior agencies and IHS on developing and leveraging new acquisition tools to support Indian owned businesses
- Extensive collaboration through DOI increased awards from non-Indian Affairs Bureaus to ISBEEs by more than \$334M in FY 2022.
- For example recently established \$200 million contract vehicle for business services that all Interior Bureaus and IHS can utilize
- Working with the DOI partners to focus on greater use of Buy Indian Act Authority in 2023.

Support for Bureau of Indian Education

Information Technology

- Office of Information Management and Technology supported BIE to roll out E-Learning Management System (ELMS) for Phase 1 first 12 schools:
 - Infrastructure upgrade equipment for all 12 schools has been received.
 - 5 schools have completed infrastructure upgrades and remaining will complete by summer.
- Phase 2: ELMS Phase 2 kick off sessions completed at 21 schools and infrastructure assessments completed at 16 of them.
- 27 schools have received 1 gigabyte circuit upgrades, 11 more are close to being upgraded, and remaining expected to complete by late 2023.
- Schoology (LMS) instances has been stood up for all Phase 2 and 3 schools, ahead of schedule.



School Facilities

- Planning and design construction projects continue with annual construction appropriations and GAOA funding: 15 school replacement or facility replacement projects underway.
- Coordinating work across BIE and BIA to improve ventilation at schools – 182 schools assessed and improvement projects being implemented across the schools.
- Completed Water System assessments at all BIE owned water systems.
- Continue to support BIE as they begin to stand up facilities management responsibilities across regions.

Indian Affairs Inflation Reduction Act Program Overview



Climate Resilience \$225 million total - \$220 million for programs and \$5 million for administration

- Address Tribal Climate Resilience and Adaptation needs with Habitat Restoration focus
- Protect vulnerable coastlines, support biodiversity and fisheries, enable watershed restoration and water quality improvement in rivers and lakes, build wildfire resilience, and encourage carbon sequestration efforts.

Fish Hatcheries: \$10 million

- Support expansion of the existing hatchery maintenance program to include new construction and retrofits that are not funded through annual appropriations.

Tribal Electrification: \$150 million total - \$145.5 million for programs and \$4.5 million for administration

- Increase the number of American Indian and Native Alaskan households with electricity through zero emissions energy sources.

IRA Consultation and Planning



Two consultations held in December 2022, feedback was primarily focused on:

- Need for technical assistance
- Tribes prefer not to compete for funding
- The varying levels of capacity across Tribes should be considered in the funding allocation to ensure all Tribes can participate:
 - High-capacity Tribes typically employ grant writers and related support staff,
 - Other Tribes lack means to employ grant writers and require support to prepare proposal applications
- Total funding level is inadequate

Given feedback, all IRA programs taking into account the following:

- Provide Technical Assistance related to specific programs, and leveraging the White House Council on Native American Affairs for Interagency coordination and communication
 - Example: IRA Tribal Guidebook: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/tribes/>
- Utilize criteria or selection methodologies which support tribes at higher and lower levels of implementation capacity.
- Utilize ISDEEA contracting and compacting vehicles to quickly move funding, and leverage contract supports costs to enhance tribal capacity to implement programs.



Questions?