



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 31, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening the Nation-to-Nation Relationships. In furtherance of that Memorandum, the Department of State, along with other executive departments and federal agencies, will be adopting detailed plans for implementing Executive Order 13175, to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have Tribal implications. The Department of State embraces this responsibility and the principles of Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. All Department of State bureaus and offices are supporting the development of this comprehensive plan for communicating and consulting with Tribal Governments.

The Department of State will hold a consultation to seek your recommendations and feedback on how we can improve the Department's policies and practices to engage better with Tribal governments. We invite you to join us for a virtual consultation on:

Date of Consultation: Monday, April 12

Time of Consultation: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. EDT

The consultation will be held virtually via WebEx, which allows for video and/or telephone participation; an invitation with the specific link for the meeting will be sent to those who have registered.

We invite you to register for the consultation by sending an e-mail to TribalConsultation@state.gov. Please include your name, title, e-mail address, and the name of your Tribe/Organization/Federal Agency.

Specific questions we propose to cover in the consultation:

- Who from your Nation/organization should participate in consultations?
- In a Covid- and post-Covid world, what is the best platform for holding consultations? Virtual? In-person? A hybrid of virtual and in-person?
- What can be done to enhance communication regarding consultations?
- How should consultation be documented in order to provide maximum transparency?
- What procedures should the Department use to follow up with your Tribe after consultation?
- What procedures could be used to improve communication and coordination with your Tribe (social media, quarterly e-mails, etc.)?

Should you have written comments you wish to share prior to our April 12 consultation regarding these questions, or questions on another topic, please e-mail TribalConsultation@state.gov.

We look forward to our consultation on April 12, and to working with you to further enhance the Nation-to-Nation relationships.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joel E.", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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