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From: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED] on behalf  
of Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2002 9:34 PM  
To: van Horne, Jon [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: OPO

Yes, see if you can find out. if so, then I have to get to them fast.

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From: van Horne, Jon [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2002 10:30 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: OPO

Choctaw may have the only currently qualified hubzone business but I don't know that for a fact. Should I ask?

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I like this approach. I just have to figure out the tribe to use. My instinct is Coushatta, but each tribe has complications. Can I use any of our tribes, or is only Choctaw qualified for this?

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From: van Horne, Jon [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2002 6:34 PM  
To: Abramoff, Jack [REDACTED]  
Subject: OPO

Whichever tribe goes with this needs a new entity asap. Suggest [tribe] Historic Property Development, LLC, or some such. Then we need to get it certified as a hubzone business by sba; that may take some pushing. This would need to be done in July. We need to put together a team. I asked a friend about possible firms; she emailed back that her firm would be interested in whatever project. They are in DC and big. I have not given a hint as to what building and would not without a non-disclosure and non-circumvent agreement. I want to find out more about them first. This is also going to take some serious financing. We may want to approach Starwood which is a client. If you are comfortable, you might talk to Jeff Dwyer who is probably our expert on commercial real estate development. GSA has the authority to limit bids (at least initially) to hubzone businesses. The statute says that can lease historic buildings "notwithstanding any other provision of law"; I doubt that limiting the bids to Indian owned tribes would work politically without congressional direction. Hubzone set aside should be saleable politically, especially if they say, hey if no one bids or we don't get a good bid, we open it up for everybody.