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SECTION I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs (IAD) is the lead coordinating agency in New Mexico state government for ensuring effective interagency and state-tribal government-to-government relations with New Mexico tribes. The IAD remains the only state cabinet-level agency in the United States devoted strictly to Native American affairs.

Our guiding vision is to support positive and productive relations to successfully implement the State's programs on Indian Affairs, with input and participation by the Indian Nations.

- In 2003, the Office of Indian Affairs was restructured and changed to be the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department.
- In 2004, the Indian Affairs Department Act, §§ 9-21-1 to 9-21-15 NMSA 1978, allowed IAD to investigate, study, and respond to Indian conditions and relations within New Mexico.
- In 2005, Executive Order No. 2005-004 directed New Mexico executive departments to adopt tribal consultation plans, leading the nation in groundbreaking state-tribal government-to-government relations.
- The 2009 State-Tribal Collaboration Act (STCA) and subsequent state agency collaboration policies provided the State of New Mexico and state agencies guidance on working with tribal leaders, communities and tribal members. The Act also established the guiding principles, protocols, and activities designed to strengthen State-Tribal partnership and communication.

With economic development at the core of the department's strategic plan, IAD is addressing the four focus areas of New Mexico tribes — healthcare, education, water rights, and economic development.

Section II. Current and Planned Programs and Services for American Indians/Alaskan Natives

Health:

IAD collaborates with DOH and HSD to develop and communicate information related to Native American tribes to increase health services in special programs.

Blueprint for Health New Mexico

- Blueprint for Health New Mexico was formed to design and build a comprehensive strategic plan to implement the Affordable Care Act, with the long-term goal of improving the health of New Mexico's children and families. An advisory network was created to provide the guidance, planning, and advice to help healthcare reform in New Mexico. The Network consisted of a diverse range of engaged stakeholders, including communities, private and non-profit employers, healthcare providers, executive and legislative policy makers, and local, state, and tribal governments.

The Blueprint project has two goals:

Short term: to complete a work plan for statewide implementation of healthcare reform with an emphasis on improving health outcomes in four counties: Bernalillo, Dona Ana, McKinley, and San Juan.

Long term: to improve the health outcomes of vulnerable New Mexico children, families, and communities through the successful implementation of federal healthcare reform.

Turn the Curve on Health

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) conducted a comprehensive health improvement planning event statewide in 2012 for tribal partners and communities. There was consensus on nine challenging health areas as priorities for this state: child and adolescent obesity, diabetes, tobacco use (non-ceremonial), teen births, fall-related injury and deaths and adult immunizations for people over 65 years old, oral health, drug overdose deaths, and alcohol-related deaths.

State-Tribal Consultation on Health Care Reform

HSD's Office of Health Care Reform held a State-Tribal Consultation and addressed the following issues.

- The Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- Health reform priorities for Tribe and Pueblo Nations
- Developing an Insurance Exchange in New Mexico that is responsive to the needs of New Mexico Tribes and Pueblos
- Health Reform and Health Insurance Exchange grant application (Establishment Grant)

HSD State-Tribal Consultation – New Mexico Centennial Care Program

As of January 1, 2014, new health care coverage options were available to qualified Native Americans through Centennial Care and Medicaid expansion. For Native Americans, the Medicaid program works with the Indian Health Service and Tribal and Urban (ITU) health clinics to provide medical services. Native Americans on Medicaid can stay on the fee-for-service or enroll in Centennial Care. As reported by HSD, in July 2014, there were 93,396 Native Americans enrolled in Medicaid.

The HSD Medical Assistance Division provides consultation to tribes through technical assistance, clarification to ITUs, providing Medicaid information and assistance, providing extensive outreach to Native Americans

New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange

- Since 2010, there has been Native American representation and input in the development of a New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange (NMHIX). Venues have included: a tribal Medicaid and health exchange workgroup; tribal consultation & discussion groups; Native American stakeholder meetings; organizational and individual input meetings; and the HIX Native American Work Group.

- Since 2010 the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange was legislatively sponsored by State Senator Benny Shendo, and enacted by Governor Susana Martinez on March 28, 2003(SB 221). This provides New Mexico's individuals and small businesses with health care guide lines to assist individuals with processing applications when seeking and comparing affordable health insurance options at no-cost or low-cost health insurance coverage.

The NMHIX was established as a nonprofit public corporation to provide qualified individuals and qualified employers with increased access to health insurance in the state. It is governed by a board of directors pursuant to the provisions of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Act.” (SB 221, §3.A.) The NMHIX is considered a government entity only for purposes of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act.

There is an array of health insurance plans for Native Americans through the Indian Health Service (IHS), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Blue Cross Blue Shield, Molina, New Mexico Health Connections and Presbyterian Health Services.

State and Tribal Celebration of Health and Wellness Week

Five New Mexico tribes, pueblos and nations hosted the New Mexico Department of Health and their health partners to offered health education for the week of October 28 to November 5, 2013. They also had special events that included physical fitness activities, a tribal health fair and promotional event.

Alzheimer's disease Task Force

The IAD and DOH shared the health services that are offered by the DOH, health partners, and tribes for Alzheimer's. A state wide plan was create by the Aging and Long-Term Services Department to address Alzheimer's and other associated issues. For additional information go to http://act.alz.org/site/DocServer/State_Plan_draft_8-14-13.pdf?docID=24462

Native American Sub Committee (NASC)

The Native American Subcommittee's mission is to assure excellence in behavioral health services to all Native American people in New Mexico. It is co-chaired by the Indian Affairs Department Cabinet Secretary. NASC is comprised of Planning Council members from Region 6-the Native American Region, Planning Council members and non-members interested in Native American behavioral health needs and services. NASC has established five priority areas for evaluating and recommending improvements for Native American behavioral health: best practices, cultural competency, comprehensive services, workforce development, and quality management systems.

- In 2014, monthly NASC meetings were held by IAD to discuss issues related to behavioral health information for Native American citizens in New Mexico. The committee had representation from health care and members of the community. These meetings contributed greatly in providing feedback to the Behavioral Health Planning Council on how to better meet the needs on New Mexico's Native American citizens.
- On October 11, 2013, IAD, DOH and HSD, organized and held the Third Annual Behavioral Health Summit of the Native American Subcommittee at the Route 66 Casino

Hotel at the Pueblo of Laguna. The theme for the summit was “Walking the Sacred Path of Behavioral Health: Building Stronger Communities.” The Summit hosted approximately 200 attendees with four breakout sessions finding solutions to combat issues in our communities. The main areas focused on combatting human trafficking, overcoming violence for our families and intercepting prescription drug abuse. In addition the summit focused on protecting and healing our communities.

Honoring Native Life Summit

The Native American Suicide Prevention Clearinghouse, which is a resource to tribes in New Mexico for suicide prevention and suicide response, hosted the 2013 Summit to address suicide in Indian Country. The one day event invited stakeholders in Native American mental and behavioral health, including Pueblos of San Felipe and Zuni, Navajo Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service, New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, White Mountain Apache Tribe of Arizona, and several other tribal communities throughout the state. The Summit included a focused discussion on youth suicide, best practices in suicide prevention, policy making and community involvement. The goal of the Summit was to offer meaningful information and resources to every individual who is impacted by suicide in New Mexico’s Native American communities. There were opportunities for everyone who took part to share ideas, share success stories, and build a network of support.

Suicide Prevention Task Force

The NM Suicide Prevention Task Force met for over a year to share information about activities taking place through their organizations and the work that still needs to be done to promote understanding, provide resources, and reduce stigma. The Task Force reviewed plans from other states for pertinence to our own New Mexico populace. This collaboration resulted in defining New Mexico’s Goals for Suicide Prevention and the groups of New Mexicans at highest risk for suicide.

Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women (CSVANW)

The Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women (CSVANW) was organized in 1996 to bring together Native advocates to provide assistance and support to Native women who have been battered or sexually assaulted. The Coalition provides a forum for support, organizing, sharing information resources and networking opportunities. The following two trainings were attended by IAD Policy Unit staff:

- Working Together Towards Healthy Families Training
- Working Towards Violent Free Communities Training

Education:

The IAD in collaboration with the Public Education Department’s (PED) Indian Education Division have actively increased tribal involvement in the education of all Native American students. The groups work to ensure the maintenance and preservation of Native American languages as an important mechanism for enhancing education experiences and achievements.

National Indian Education Conference

Tribal Language Summit for Tribal Leaders

The purpose of the Tribal Language Summit was to allow traditional leaders within the communities address the issue of Native language revitalization. This is a common issue among all tribes and pueblos. Leaders were educated on how to better serve community members and retain and revitalize the Native American languages.

New Mexico Indian Education Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

The New Mexico Indian Education Advisory Council (NMIEAC) is concerned with the aspect of “Deep Sovereignty” that is critical to the educational success of Native students tied to family, kinship and community. This concept plays a vital role in the education of Native students. For this reason the NMIEAC is insistent that any projects and programs funded with Indian Education Funds fully address all of the components of the Indian Education Act. The NMIEAC does not support the earmarking of the IEA funds for non-Indian for-profit organizations. NMIEAC has gone on record at meetings and has passed resolutions to the effect.

Discussion at the quarterly meeting has included:

- Public Education Department Reorganization
- Indian Education Division Program and Budget Update
- High School Redesign Update
- Open Forum
- Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization – Update
- Presentations:
- New Mexico College Pathways Program
- Voices, Reading and Character Guiding
- Alliance for Excellent Education
- National Indian Education Association Local Planning Committee

Government to Government Meetings

Yearly Government to Government meetings are held to engage in meaningful and purposeful interaction. The Indian Education Division hosted and co-hosted meetings for information sessions with tribal and educational leaders, along with Indian Education directors at schools, the BIA, as well as other stakeholders. American Indian Education Summits were held on November 21-22, 2013, April 3-4, 2014, and July 17-18, 2014.

Red Lake Chapter – Navajo, NM – Bi-State Charter Study Committee

House Memorial 43 passed in the 51st Legislature and was sponsored by Representative Patricia Lundstrom. The memorial is requesting the Indian Education Division of the Public Education Department and the Indian Affairs Department study the feasibility of a Bi-State Charter School in the Red Lake Chapter of the Navajo Nation. The proposed charter school would be a joint project between the states of New Mexico and Arizona. The chapter lies on the border of both states and serves community members on both sides of the state line. The proposed charter school would be the first charter school established in the Navajo Nation. A work group is to be

established to study the feasibility of a bi-state charter school and to develop a report with their findings and recommendations.

Economic Development:

Economic development remains a critical component for establishing a stable, diversified base for community well-being and wealth, thus improving the quality of life on New Mexico Tribal lands. The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department staff facilitates ways to increase and leverage resources and collaborations that enhance tribal projects and economic development during the past year. IAD provided tribal communities with action-oriented services in 65 projects that encompassed subjects as diverse as: energy; transportation; agriculture, ranching and agribusiness; tribal enterprises; international markets; capital access; health care facilities and services; youth education programs; and housing.

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI)

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) promotes economic opportunity by investing in and building the capacity of communities. The Native American CDFI Program (NACDFI) is addressing access to affordable financial products and services. This is helping Native American communities grow and participate in the mainstream economy.

IAD partnered with two Native CDFIs—Native Home Capital and Native Community Finance in order to assist tribal communities and their members with economic development initiatives. These partnerships have assisted in accessing financing for housing and infrastructure development on tribal lands by tribal entities and Native American entrepreneurs. Native Home Capital and Native Community Finance also provide financial education, mortgage assistance services, and community oriented loans. Using private sector capital provides readily accessible funding for crucial development projects within the community.

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

IAD, the American Indian Chamber (AIC) and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) signed an agreement that encourages MBDA to foster New Mexico Native American entrepreneurs in the national economy and global competitiveness. The American Indian and Alaska Native program is a key component of MBDA's overall portfolio of minority business development services, focusing on securing large public and/or private contracts and financing transactions, stimulating job creation, and facilitating entry to global markets for eligible minority-owned businesses.

With the agreement MBDA, AIC and IAD facilitated numerous business development meetings for tribal entrepreneurs. They then provided access to a myriad of services to generate increased financing, contract opportunities, and job creation, training and retention.

Grant Development Technical Assistance

IAD initiated a program to provide grant development assistance to support tribal communities' economic development projects. IAD's supportive efforts provided increased access to information regarding funding resources and development. This included assistance with grant

writing, data collection, needs assessments, evaluation methodology, and required forms completion. Staff responded to Agency and tribal community representatives' requests for funding application/grant development technical assistance and also provided post-award project implementation and reporting assistance.

Laboratory, Los Alamos National Security, LLC

The Regional Development Corporation, with generous support from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Security, LLC, and IAD provided small grants to Northern New Mexico tribally-held businesses that sought to further their economic development. The Native American Venture Acceleration Fund awarded grants up to \$30,000. These grants are providing critical services that lead to increased revenues and employment within the funded companies.

Capital Outlay and Infrastructure/Tribal Infrastructure Fund

IAD oversaw and administered the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) and Capital Outlay projects, managing over \$16,340,000 and \$5,676,000. These projects provided for infrastructure and economic development for tribes, pueblos, and nations, thus continuing the commitment to advance the economics and well-being of the New Mexico Native Americans.

Tribal 8(a) SBA Program

IAD conducted an assessment with all New Mexico tribes regarding their Tribal 8(a) SBA status. The staff continued to support and to collaborate with several identified Native Companies that graduated from the Tribal 8(a) SBA program. This support helped promote the Teaming and Mentoring of the Protégé Program.

Economic Development IAD Initiatives

Native American Main Street

IAD continued collaboration with the Pueblo of Zuni and New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) to work on the Main Street Program. This program works throughout the state's downtown communities to create an economically feasible business environment through the preservation of historical and cultural locations—the Pueblo of Zuni has become the first Native American Main Street Community in the country.

Tribal Housing Initiative

IAD contracted with knowledgeable professionals who have worked in the housing industry, both public and private to:

- Develop a step-by-step comprehensive housing strategic plan to be used as a guide for addressing housing needs and issues in tribal communities.
- Provide intensive housing technical assistance for each community that culminates in an operation plan.
- Create a program for the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of traditional tribal adobe housing.

- As the initiative progresses, IAD will collaborate with tribal communities to undertake an extensive survey of the housing needs and assist in pursuing funding for housing development.

Agriculture

IAD participated in a variety of projects including;

- Collaboration with NMSU to develop a state-wide project to determine the functionality of operational hydrology windmills and equipment on tribal lands.
- Investigating the use of solar water pumps through prospect companies for remote areas on tribal lands.
- Collaborated on the design and the federal funding for the development of an Indian Food Hub (10 Southern Pueblos).

Native Brand Beef

IAD partnered with the Labatt Food Industries and members of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Nation, and members from other Apache Tribes in Arizona to develop and market a Native Brand beef. This project included the Labatt Food Service, overview of the company, its customers, and the development of the Native Brand, the Native American Beef Supply Chain Model, Customer Usage Overview, the Native schools, casinos, tribal government entities, and other Native programs.

The distribution area for the Native American Beef Supply Chain Model has included New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Arizona. The goal of the project is to successfully develop the Native American ranching and cattle business with guidance from an “industry giant”. Labatt has already proven successful in the cattle and food industry.

New Mexico Indian Rodeo Association (NMIRA)

IAD facilitated and assisted in the planning and development of the New Mexico Indian Rodeo Association that coordinates numerous rodeo events throughout tribal lands. The mission is to contribute to the Indian heritage, culture, and tradition, to promote sportsmanship, and to preserve Indian heritage, family bonding, and care of livestock.

As the NMIRA and its affiliates function, they intend to contribute to the economic advancement of communities that host NMIRA rodeos through revenue generated for lodging, meals, and fuel.

Energy in Northwest New Mexico

IAD facilitated numerous projects related to the expansion of exploration and development to the energy sources. Such projects include:

- Navajo Coal: worked with three companies to develop alternative markets for coal from the Navajo Mine;
- Mancos Shale Petroleum Expansion: collaborated to assist in expediting the processing of BIA paperwork for Navajo allottees leasing to the petroleum industry in order for Navajo allottees to receive payments (potentially releasing \$670 million)

- Law Enforcement Taskforce: developed strategies and collaborations among law enforcement professionals (tribal, state and county) to ensure safety of land owners, industry workers, tribal and local community citizens helping public safety's effort toward advancing economic development in the area;
- Navajo Thoreau Rail Port: worked on expansion of the rail system for commerce, nationally and internationally, with the Navajo Nation;
- BNSF Rail Expansion: Collaborated in the development of the Thoreau to Farmington Rail Lines to link the eastern boundary of Navajo Nation with national and international markets;
- Navajo Inland Port: conferred on the development of a trans-modal "hub" and an adjacent industrial park leasing to 15 Fortune 500 Companies that transport products by rail and/or truck.

Economic Development Collaborative Relations

Native American Economic Development Summit

IAD co-sponsored the annual New Mexico Native American Economic Development Summit with the New Mexico American Indian Chamber of Commerce. This Summit brought together Tribal government representatives, Native American companies and entrepreneurs, private industry, and governmental agencies to focus on program information and resources available in New Mexico to foster economic development. Opportunities for training in project development, project management and financing were provided. Over 600 participants attended from 67 cities, representing 17 states.

New Mexico Infrastructure Finance Conference

IAD partnered with state and federal agencies to help support the planning and funding of sustainable infrastructure projects throughout New Mexico. The conference offered local entities and individuals the opportunity to meet with key funding agency contacts that could answer questions and provide guidance. Held in October, this conference was one of the largest and most important infrastructure finance programs in the state with over 700 participants learning about resources for building capacity. A "track" of presentations focused on tribal communities.

Tribal Planners Roundtable

IAD supported and participated in the New Mexico Tribal Roundtable Group, an organization composed of certified planners from New Mexico tribal communities, planning consultants, and the University of New Mexico, School of Architecture and Engineering. The certified planners from tribal communities participated in informative discussions and exchanges of ideas regarding strategic planning, comprehensive planning, and master development plans.

IAD and New Mexico Economic Development Department

IAD partnered with the New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD) to work and collaborate on larger, intensive economic development projects and initiatives. Such a program has been the Certified Community Initiative Program (CCI) that has shown clear benefit to tribal

communities. This program works with communities that can demonstrate broad local involvement and who wish to empower their citizens, build on existing resources, and expand their capacity to facilitate economic growth.

Communications/ Meetings Attended:

Constituent Requests

IAD received a number of constituent requests throughout the year from the State Governor's Office, legislators, state agency personnel, general public, and directly from tribal leaders and members of the Indian tribes, nations, and pueblos. IAD also assisted tribal entities with capital outlay requests and projects. Responses to constituent requests were in a timely fashion and provided needed information, or facilitated connection to resources.

Public Relations/Interagency Communication

Through our news blasts and outreach, IAD continued to share information on how New Mexico's tribes, nations, and pueblos positively impact the State of New Mexico.

IAD also keeps the tribal liaison contact information current, communicates regularly with tribal liaisons, and invites tribal liaisons to contribute articles or other pertinent information to IAD's news blast newsletter. The IAD Program Officer communicated regularly with other agency PIOs and shared information on issues that affect New Mexico tribal communities.

All Indian Pueblo Council, Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council, Ten Southern Pueblo Council Meetings

IAD regularly attends the meetings of the All Indian Pueblo Council, the Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council, and the Ten Southern Pueblo Council meetings. Each of these Councils are made up of the Pueblo Governors from each region and provide IAD and other state agencies with a unique audience of tribal government executives to discuss social and political issues. Throughout the year, IAD has provided briefing and answered presentation requests on a number of topics, including: the State-Tribal Collaboration Act; the Annual State-Tribal Summit; IAD special project funding; Tribal Infrastructure Fund processes; Capital outlay processes; NM Legislative Session; Indian Day at the NM Legislature; and collaborative work with other state agencies.

Legislative Affairs

IAD frequently attends and presents at meetings of the Interim Indian Affairs Committee, the Standing House Health, Government & Indian Affairs Committee, the Standing Senate Indian & Cultural Affairs Committee, and the Tobacco Settlement Revenue Oversight Committee. IAD is often requested to present on matters of mutual concern before the Interim Indian Affairs Committee on issues such as the Tribal Infrastructure Fund, the State-Tribal Summit, State-Tribal Collaboration Act implementation, IAD programs and services, IAD events, and collaborative work with other State agencies, tribal governments, and the federal government. When called upon, or when a particular piece of legislation largely affects the Native American community, IAD has provided testimony to the Standing Committees during the legislative session.

Tribal Judicial Consortium Meetings

IAD General Counsel attends the quarterly Consortium meetings, which offer briefings by subject matter experts who can address situations involving issues that are cross-jurisdictional, and provide an opportunity for discussion among Tribal and State Judges about issues and cases generally. The Consortium also promotes relationships and communications by conducting regional training events to help the Courts learn more about the challenges they encounter and begin working together to address them.

State Agencies Tribal Liaisons

Every state agency designates a tribal liaison, who reports directly to the office of the head of the state agency, to:

- Assist the head of the state agency with developing and ensuring the implementation of the STCA policy.
- Serve as a contact person and maintain ongoing communication between the state agency and affected Indian nations, tribes or pueblos.
- Ensure that cultural competency training is provided to the staff of the state agency as set forth in the State-Tribal Collaboration Act.

The tribal liaisons also play an integral role with the preparation of cabinet secretaries and agency directors for the annual State-Tribal Leaders Summit. The tribal liaison also works closely with the cabinet secretaries and department heads in the preparation and compilation of their agencies State-Tribal Annual Report, which is due by July 31st of each year.

IAD Organized Events:

2014 State-Tribal Leaders Summit

The Sixth Annual State-Tribal Leaders Summit was convened on July 17th and 18th, 2014 at the Route 66 Casino Hotel at the Pueblo of Laguna.

A planning committee composed of tribal and state representation was assembled to discuss, develop and make decisions for many aspects of the Summit. IAD had eight planning committee meetings before and after the Summit, and met with the All Pueblo Council of Governors, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council and the Ten Southern Pueblo Council of Governors in order to disseminate information regarding this event. IAD and PED entered into a partnership in the spirit of collaboration in order share expenses and staff support for the Summit.

The 23 IAD listed tribes and all cabinet level secretaries for each state department in New Mexico received surveys in order to determine the topics of importance on tribal matters. Based on input and ranking of these surveys, it was determined that the top four issues of mutual concern were:

- 1) Consultation
- 2) Water and Natural Resources
- 3) Economic Development

4) Education

Specific issues were identified under each of these topic areas and scheduled for discussion at the summit.

On July 17th, Executive Networking Meetings took place between the tribal leaders representing the twenty-three tribes, pueblos, nations, cabinet secretaries and their staff. The Pre-Summit activities provided an excellent opportunity to discuss various topic areas that are important to tribal leadership and for cabinet secretaries to meet face-to-face with tribal leaders and their staff discussing specific issues unique to each tribal community. After the Pre-Summit activities, Governor Martinez, the tribal and state leaders, and their staff attended a dinner reception. With traditional dances performed by the Pueblo of Laguna, entertainment by Native American comedians James & Ernie, and a delicious dinner, the evening reception presented state and tribal leaders with an excellent opportunity for informal conversation and relationship building.

The Summit included a full day of discussion on July 18, 2014, with a traditional prayer given by Pueblo of Laguna Governor Richard B. Luarkie, followed by opening remarks from Summit Facilitator, Ronald J. Solimon. Welcoming remarks were made by Governor Susana Martinez and IAD Cabinet Secretary Arthur Allison. Tribal representatives presented on issues and proposed solutions as described in the Issue Papers. Mutual priorities, solutions, and commitments emerged as a product of the Summit.

The 2014 State-Tribal Leaders Summit had many achievements and marked the continued evolving commitment of the state and tribes to work together to address shared issues of concern. This commitment is reflected in the significant amount of work and accomplishments that were made throughout the year and paves the way for ongoing dialogue to identify workable solutions and achieve results that will continue into the future.

[American Indian Day at the Legislature](#)

The Department convened a planning committee and completed various tasks to coordinate and host the 26th American Indian Day, on February 7, 2014, at the New Mexico Legislature. The 2014 American Indian Day at the Legislature was a great success and well attended.

The theme of that year's Indian Activities was "Successful State-Tribal Relations: Five Years of Building a Better Tomorrow for all New Mexicans." There were many participants in the program held in the Capitol rotunda as well as exceptional participation at the Indian Day Reception Dinner where a number of individuals were honored who had contributed greatly to the success of Native American communities in New Mexico. The leaders honored for building positive state-tribal relations were: former President of the Navajo Nation Peterson Zah, former Santa Ana Pueblo Governor Walter Dasheno, former Jicarilla Apache Nation President Leonard Atole, former Mescalero Apache Tribe President Wendell Chino, and State of New Mexico Representative Henry "Kiki" Saavedra.

Throughout these events, numerous state and tribal leaders spoke on various topics regarding tribal communities and state government working together to address issues of mutual concern. There

were performances from a variety of tribal dance groups, singers, drummers and a jazz band. Leon Reval of the Jicarilla Apache Nation served as Master of Ceremonies for the Reception.

Funding Sources:

Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Projects

Since inception in 2006 the Tribal Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board has certified sixty nine million one hundred and seventy two thousand four hundred and seventy dollars. This amount has funded one hundred and fifty six planning, design and construction projects for fifty four tribal entities. Although, initially funded through the General Fund, the TIF Program has been funded through Severance Tax Bonds since 2012. Currently, the fund receives five percent of the senior severance tax bonding capacity of the state annually. This has resulted in a significant increase in the amount of funding available for critical infrastructure projects in Indian Country.

Over the program period the Pueblos have received project funding in the amount of forty-seven million, eight hundred and seventy eight thousand, nine hundred and forty seven dollars. This amount has funded ninety projects across all nineteen Pueblos and represents sixty nine percent of the total funding allocation. The Navajo Nation and its Chapters have been awarded nineteen million, four hundred and eighty-five thousand, two hundred and ninety six dollars for sixty projects. This amount represents twenty eight percent of the funds available. The Navajo Nation has received funding for four projects. Thirty two Chapters of the Navajo Nation have received funding for fifty six projects.

Since 2006, the Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache Nations have received funding in the amount of one million eight hundred and eight thousand two hundred and twenty seven dollars. This represents three percent of the funding allocation. This has funded six projects, three for the Jicarilla Apache Nation and three for the Mescalero Apache Nation.

Over the program period eighty-nine projects have been completed. Seventeen projects are due for completion by October 2014. Another fifty projects are currently underway or have recently been awarded.

The TIF Board awarded funding for a broad array of planning, design and construction projects. These projects included basic water and waste water infrastructure, power lines, solar energy, roads, emergency management facilities, housing development, veterans and long-term care facilities, economic development and wellness facilities among many others.

Annually, at least ten percent of the funding allocation is dedicated to planning projects with the balance dedicated to design and construction projects. In the most recent funding cycle, one million seven hundred and thirty thousand dollars, representing twelve percent of the funding allocation, was awarded to tribal entities for planning projects.

A TIF Implementation Workshop was held in August 2013 with all nineteen TIF grantees. The workshop covered topics such as IGA requirements, payment procedures, reporting requirements,

project oversight, project close-out, change-orders, and Severance Tax Bond allowable expenses. In addition to this workshop, three TIF Outreach Workshops were held at locations across the state.

IAD also sponsored TIF presentations at the Tribal Economic Summit, Infrastructure Finance Conference and Tribal Planners Forum. During the reporting period IAD presented a TIF report to the Indian Affairs Legislative Committee.

For FY2014, the Tribal Infrastructure Fund awarded \$14.2 million to various tribes, nations and pueblos in New Mexico for planning, design and/or construction. Please see the table below to see the listing of projects awarded below.

Project Name	Amount Awarded
Acoma Waterless Composting Toilet Phase III	\$1,423,000
Cochiti Pueblo Drainage Master Plan	\$40,000
Cochiti Pueblo Visitors Center	\$940,000
Jemez Pueblo Water Improvements Project	\$250,000
Jicarilla Apache Nation Cutter Lateral Inter-Tie (Design)	\$400,000
Jicarilla Apache Nation Cutter Lateral Inter-Tie (Planning)	\$150,000
Laguna Pueblo Planning Infrastructure for Kawaika Campus	\$150,000
Nambe Pueblo Water/Wastewater Comprehensive Master Plan	\$150,000
Nambe Pueblo Post-Fire Reservoir Improvements Project	\$348,640
Navajo Nation Gallup Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$150,000
Navajo Nation Counselor Lybrook ENWP Phase 6 Water System	\$150,000
Navajo Nation Lake Valley Owl Springs Water Line Extensions	\$150,000
Navajo Nation Ramah Design for Rehabilitation/Replacement Wastewater Sys.	\$75,000
Navajo Nation Ramah Mountain View Water Line Expansion and Improvements	\$500,000
Navajo Nation Red Valley Regional Transfer Station	\$200,000
Navajo Nation Shiprock Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$400,000
Navajo Nation Standing Rock Beacon Bistil Lateral Water Project	\$150,000
NN To'hajiilee Field Office EMS Building	\$500,000
Ohkay Owingeh Wastewater Treatment Facility	\$150,000
Picuris Water System PER	\$75,000
San Felipe Historic Village Water Line Planning	\$190,000
San Ildefonso Wastewater System	\$400,000
San Ildefonso Tribal Utility Building and Systems	\$150,000
Santa Ana Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$1,423,000
Santa Clara Regional Health Facility Water/Wastewater Master Plan	\$75,000
Taos Sewer Water Line Expansion Project	\$1,400,000
Tesuque Tribal Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,423,000
Zia Enterprise Zone - Wastewater System Facilities	\$1,423,000
Zuni Commercial Development Area-Water Infrastructure	\$1,400,000

Capital Outlay

In 2014, the State Legislature appropriated \$4,633,411 to fund 42 capital outlay projects, on Native American lands, in New Mexico. Funding was allocated by the legislature to address a variety of capital needs. These range from extending electrical infrastructure at the Baahaali and Baca Prewitt Chapters of the Navajo Nation to developing wireless radio antennas for internet service at the Pueblo of Zia. Funding was also allocated to plan, design and construct a regional wellness center at Santa Fe Indian School, a basketball and volleyball court at Pojoaque, a fitness center at the Institute of American Indian Arts, a multi-purpose wellness center at Santa Ana, a judicial complex at San Felipe, and a veterans building at Jemez. Cochiti received funding to renovate their library and cultural building while White Rock Chapter received funding to renovate their chapter house. Other funding was allocated to purchase land for the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Special Projects

The New Mexico Indian Affairs Department awarded \$611,000 for Special Projects in New Mexico Native American Communities. This special project grant funding was not intended to be used as a permanent funding source for entities but rather a short-term allocation. Additionally, Special Project funds are meant for direct services to Native American citizens. Indirect and administrative costs are kept to a minimum. The listing below provides the program awards.

Entity	Amount Awarded
Pueblo of Cochiti – Summer Youth Language Program	\$30,000
Pueblo of Acoma Health and Wellness Center – Health and Wellness Project	\$35,000
Jicarilla Apache Nation – Heritage Preservation Project	\$39,022
Pueblo of Pojoaque – Value-Added Food Projects Development Project	\$68,000
Pueblo of Nambe – Eco-Tourism Initiative	\$95,899
Mescalero Apache – Fire and Rescue Program	\$150,000
Pueblo of Isleta – Community Outreach and Support Program	\$34,017
Pueblo of Santa Ana – Youth Health and Fitness Project	\$80,000
Santo Domingo Pueblo – Tribal Planning Project	\$29,062
UNM American Indian Language – NM Native Language Teacher Certification Project	\$25,000
Bernalillo Public Schools – “Rez of Your Life Program”	\$25,000

Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Projects (TCPP)

The Indian Affairs Department awarded \$135,000 from the tobacco settlement program fund for tobacco cessation and prevention programs for New Mexico Native American communities. The overall goals for this program are to promote cessation and prevention of commercial tobacco abuse in Native communities, with special emphasis given to prevention among Native youth while simultaneously promoting cultural awareness of the Native American traditional and ceremonial use of tobacco as a means to strengthen cultural identity and resistance to commercial

tobacco. Six Native American-serving entities were selected for funding in FY 2014, receiving amounts ranging from \$13,897 to \$35,617.

Notable achievements and outcomes associated with the program include:

- Through the activities of these six entities, more than 27,000 individuals were reached in FY 2014.
- Twenty-two individuals impacted by the program quit smoking.
- Utilization of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Best Practices in Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs, with an emphasis on State and Community Interventions, Mass-Reach Health Communication Interventions, Cessation Interventions, and Surveillance and Evaluation.
- Administration of the New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey in 35 middle and high schools with high American Indian enrollment to obtain data analysis for the American Indian youth sample.
- Integration of commercial tobacco prevention curriculum in six schools.

SECTION III. TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION

Cultural Competency Training

In 2014, IAD and the State Personnel Office (“SPO”) coordinated research and planned and developed training as required by the STCA. Since 2010, the training curriculum and materials have been refined and a training model was designed and implemented to train state employees.

All new state employees who have regular contact with tribes receive the training which is administered by SPO and IAD.

- In 2014, a total of twenty-eight trainings were conducted. A total of two hundred eleven state employees were trained.
- Four hundred sixty-six state employees were trained in 2013.
- Five hundred thirty-six participants were trained in 2012.

IAD will continue to modify and refine the training curriculum and materials to meet the needs of state employees as well as to continue working on a training methodology and approach designed to train a significant number of key state employees in 2015.

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SECTION V. APPENDICES

- A. Copy of Agency Tribal Collaboration and Communication Policy. Attached
- B. Agency-specific and applicable/relevant state or federal statutes or mandates.

Source of Law	Section	Name of Section	Purpose of Law
NMSA	9-21-1 et. seq.	Indian Affairs Department	Creation of IAD
NMSA	6-29-1 et. seq.	Tribal Infrastructure Act	Creation of TIF Board and TIF Fund
NMSA	11-18-1 et. seq.	State-Tribal Collaboration Act	State Tribal Collaboration