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cc:

Subject: Pine Ridge, SD

^BC-SD--Oglala Vision, 430

^Oglala Sioux leader unveils vision for reservation

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) Business and office parks, a resort, highway improvements, more housing and tourism improvements are part of Harold Salway's vision for the impoverished Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Salway was in Washington, D.C., this week to update top government officials on the Oglala Sioux Tribe's jobs and housing plans in the aftermath of President Clinton's visit to the reservation in July.

Money for some of the president's economic initiatives for poverty-stricken areas has yet to be approved by Congress. But Salway said he's optimistic.

"I have to be, because of our situation," he told the Omaha World Herald. "Everything that happens for Pine Ridge is an improvement."

Clinton wants to couple a federal empowerment-zone designation with private investment. The empowerment-zone designation means the area will get federal tax breaks and at least \$2 million a year for projects for the next 10 years. Private investment is encouraged by loan guarantees and tax credits.

Salway said some projects already are under way.

In one, the Federal Communications Commission has started a project that would provide cellular telephone coverage across the reservation. Less than 40 percent of the reservation's homes have phones.

And the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency is building a multi-use recreation center at Pine Ridge before winter.

Salway said he envisions a business park to help keep dollars on the reservation and a new building to combine the tribal government and Bureau of Indian Affairs offices.

Highway improvements also would help the economy by encouraging local spending, Salway said.

"Right now, when somebody gets a paycheck, it's natural to go straight north to Rapid City or south to Chadron and come back with groceries and clothing," he said. "We need to put east-west roads (within the reservation) into that economic rotation."

Salway wants to build a tourist resort next to the tribe's casino at Oglala that would lure traffic from the Heartland Expressway between Denver and Rapid City. That highway is under construction and would pass about 12 miles from the casino.

Salway met with Lynn Cutler, Clinton's top adviser on American Indian affairs; and Sens. Tom Daschle and Tim Johnson of South Dakota and Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado.

The tribal chairman said he wants to follow up with Clinton on his plans.

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**OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
5 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

OST PROJECT	PROJECT COST EST. TOTAL	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY2004
OFFICE PARK PROJECT (O.P.P.)	\$ 5,600,000.00	2,075,000	3,125,000	400,000	0	0
PRAIRIE WIND RESORT DEVELOPMENT (PWRD)	\$ 5,050,000.00	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,500,000	0	0
TRIBAL TOURISM PROJECT (TTP)	\$ 850,000.00	250,000	250,000	150,000	100,000	100,000
BUSINESS PARK PROJECT (BPP)	\$ 3,400,000.00	40,000	100,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	260,000
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (AIP)	\$ 650,000.00	0	0	80,000	470,000	100,000
TRIBAL ARTS PROJECT (TAP)	\$ 250,000.00	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL	\$ 15,800,000.00	\$ 4,165,000.00	\$ 5,325,000.00	\$ 4,180,000.00	\$ 1,620,000.00	\$ 510,000.00

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE OFFICE PARK PROJECT (OPP)

START DATE 04-01-2000

COMPLETION DATE 09-30-2001

PROJECT COST \$5,600,000

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
HUD-ICDBG	800,000	800,000	-	-	-	-
DOC-EDA PW	1,875,000	1,275,000	600,000	-	-	-
USDA-RDA	1,600,000	-	1,200,000	400,000	-	-
OST - <i>Book 8</i>	1,325,000	-	1,325,000	-	-	-
TOTAL	5,600,000	2,075,000	3,125,000	400,000	-	-

SCOPE OF PROJECT

The project consists of three (3) buildings totaling 60,000 SF. A Tribal building of 30,000 SF, a US Post Office building of 10,000 SF and a State Office building of 20,000 SF. Lease rates are projected to generate approximately \$735,000 per year income. The debt service and maintenance and operations are not expected to exceed \$500,000 per year which will generate approximately \$235,000 per year in General Fund revenue.

BENEFITS EXPECTED

The Oglala Sioux Tribal members will directly benefit from the direct creation of 10 permanent jobs to maintain the Office Park Project. In addition 120 jobs will be created during the construction phase. Tribal members will have a better direct access to Tribal, Federal, State services in a convenient, modern, environment.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS

The Oglala Sioux Tribe presently has a great need for modern, energy efficient office space. This project will free up existing space in buildings that may be used for Tourism development, creating additional jobs. Also, the project will allow the build out of utilities for future development of a Business Park Project.

*submit to EDA for July
+ tax exempt bond
USDA low interest loan*

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE PRAIRIE WIND RESORT DEVELOPMENT (PWRD)

START DATE 10-01-1999

COMPLETION DATE 09-30-2003

PROJECT COST \$6,500,000

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
HUD-ICDBG	800,000	-	800,000	-	-	-
DOC-EDA(PW)	2,000,000	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
USDA-RDA	1,000,000	50,000	-	-	500,000	-
OST	1,250,000	1,250,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5,050,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,000,000	500,000	

SCOPE OF PROJECT

A destination resort located on a 640 acre site on the south western boundary of The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, just off South Dakota State High Way 18. Initial Plans include wild life park, water park, an RV park, modern campsite, put-put golf, reenactment field, a live in Oglala Lakota Village, and a 1850's style Army fort. Also a hotel with all the accommodations a hotel comes with. Daily tours of the Black Hills, Badlands and reservation will be run directly from the hotel.

BENEFITS EXPECTED

Employment and an additional revenue stream will be created not only through the actual site, but also through new and existing businesses that will benefit from the daily bus tours passing through the individual communities.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS

Tradition and culture will be affected positively through this venture due to the fact that there will be a ever present outlet for arts, crafts and traditional practice. This will be a much needed recreational and educational experience for the thousands of tourists passing through each tourist season.

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE: TRIBAL TOURISM PROJECT(TTP)

START DATE: 10-01-99

COMPLETION DATE: 09-30-2004

PROJECT COST: \$500,000

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
Dept. of Transp.	350,000	150,000	150,000	50,000	-	-
BIA	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
OST Transp.	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL	850,000	250,000	250,000	150,000	100,000	100,000

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Will provide signage, turnouts, visitor information, towns, facilities for cultural education, public restrooms, marketing and advertising support for reservation wide and regional Tourism.

BENEFITS EXPECTED

Will create income opportunities through out the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as travelers and visitors will be encouraged to spend money in the districts and communities they visit.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS

The Oglala Sioux Tribe will educate tourist and visitors in the Treaty and cultural issues facing modern life on the reservation. The public will benefit by having a personal-close up experience with the Tribe.

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE BUSINESS PARK PROJECT (BPP)

START DATE 01-01-2000

COMPLETION DATE 09-30-2004

PROJECT COST \$3,400,000

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
HUD-ICDBG	800,000	-	-	800,000	-	-
DOC-EDA	1,260,000	-	-	500,000	500,000	260,000
USDA-RDA	750,000	-	50,000	700,000	-	-
OST	590,000	40,000	50,000	-	500,000	-
TOTAL	3,400,000	40,000	100,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	260,000

SCOPE OF PROJECT

A 35,000-sq. ft. project which would house new and existing businesses on an annual square foot lease agreement. The types of businesses which would be recruited will include, but are not limited to the following;

Recreational (bowling, pool, arcade, movie house)

Food Services (food court, 3 or 4 types of fast food)

Hair Salon-Boutique

Retail Space (books and music, clothing, sports wear, sporting goods)

BENEFITS EXPECTED

Provide a revenue stream for future tribal endeavors. Also it will provide a long over due outlet for everyday goods for our tribal members and surrounding communities.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS

This will produce an attractive market place for existing and future businesses wanting to locate or relocate within this area. Pine Ridge will no longer be a place where you just pass through. It will become a destination for every day shopping activities.

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (AIP)

START DATE 10-01-2001

COMPLETION DATE 09-30-2003

PROJECT COST \$650,000

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
DOT-ARA TITLE 49	650,000	-	-	80,000	470,000	100,000
TOTAL	650,000	-	-	80,000	470,000	100,000

Were looking for funding to come from the Title 49 of the U.S. Code, Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996. A portion of it, which is, called Airport Improvement Project (AIP) which provides 90% of funding for airport improvements.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

To modernize our current airport facility, through upgrading our hanger to accommodate incoming and outgoing flights. To create space and infrastructure for future upgrades has population and air traffic in our area increases.

BENEFITS EXPECTED

Air service for emergency use will be enhanced; snow removal and deicing equipment will be on hand. Hanger improvements, as to provide a suitable place for pilots to layover. Provide a small number of jobs for upkeep of building and grounds.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS

Large corporations and smaller successful businesses will have better access to Pine Ridge there fore increasing the possibilities of business establishment. Dignitaries will no longer have to drive from Rapid City S.D. or Chadron NE. to meet with our Tribal leaders.

PROJECT SUMMARY

TITLE TRIBAL ARTS PROJECT (TAP)

START DATE 10-01-1999

COMPLETION DATE 09-30-2004

PROJECT COST 250,000

<u>FUNDING SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
OST	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL	250,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Project will be designed to protect and serve Tribal Artists. By Licensing and authenticating their tribal arts and crafts. This will be done by way of a tribal arts cooperation and through The Federal Indian Arts and Crafts Board. Money is for support activities, which will include consultation fees, functions and travel. This amount of money is technical assistance.

BENEFITS EXPECTED

Protection of the Oglala Lakota heritage by ensuring the Oglala Lakota Arts and Crafts are authentic and handmade. Licensing of arts and crafts will help ensure that abuse through pirating is held to a minimum. And that maximum value accrues to the tribal art/crafts persons.

ANCILLARY BENEFITS

It is hoped that through an authentication process our local artists will receive top dollar for their arts and crafts. We see artists, locally, no longer living hand to mouth, But a thriving part of our economic structure.



Adrienne C. Lavallee
09/01/99 05:12:20 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisa Green/OPD/EOP@EOP, Janet L. Graves/OMB/EOP@EOP, Gina C. Mooers/OMB/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Meeting with Advisors to Indian tribes

Lynn will have a meeting with this group to discuss legislation pertaining to native Americans that is on the Hill now. She would like Sylvia, Dan, and Lisa to be part of the program. The meeting is on Fri., 9/17 from 4 pm to 6 pm in room 472. please advise me of their availability. Thanks

Natasha Amman



Melissa G. Green
09/07/99 02:22:05 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisa Green/OPD/EOP@EOP, Jonathan A. Kaplan/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Meeting with pine ridge Pres on new markets

----- Forwarded by Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP on 09/07/99 02:22 PM -----



Adrienne C. Lavallee
09/07/99 02:05:42 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Meeting with pine ridge Pres on new markets 

The meeting was initiated by president Salway's office. he will come, as well as other tribal councilmen from Pine Ridge - i am expecting 4 total from Pine Ridge. Lynn, mary Smith, and, possibly, Alvin Brown will be there. The topic is a follow-up to the president's visit to Pine Ridge and the potential new markets legislation. Also, the tribe wants to talk about other potential economic opportunities for them. lynn will be really glad if gene can make it. Do you think that i should invite Lisa Green just in case ?



Lisa Green
09/07/99 02:18:03 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: Re: Meeting With Pine Ridge president and other Oglala leaders 

First that I've heard about it. Lynn has been dealing directly with Indian tribes in her role as Senior Advisor for Indian Affairs.

I will try to get more information for you on the purpose of this meeting and why Salway is coming to the White House. I doubt that he is coming just to discuss New Markets.

Pete Brown



Adrienne C. Lavallee
09/08/99 02:31:02 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Lisa Green/OPD/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: mtg w/ Advisors to Indian Tribes

Would you like to speak at 4:40 pm ? the meeting is on fri, 9/17 at 4 pm in 472.

need to respond



Adrienne C. Lavallee
09/27/99 02:49:24 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc: Lisa Green/OPD/EOP@EOP
Subject: FYI: salway meeting Attendees

in addition to the outside visitors listed below, Gene Sperling, Mary smith, and Lynn Cutler will attend the meeting. Lisa green has not confirmed her attendance.

----- Forwarded by Adrienne C. Lavallee/WHO/EOP on 09/27/99 02:47 PM -----



Adrienne C. Lavallee
09/24/99 04:21:33 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Mary L. Smith/OPD/EOP@EOP, Lisa Green/OPD/EOP@EOP, Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP@EOP
cc:
Subject: FYI: salway meeting Attendees

Harold D. Salway, President

G. Wayne Tapio, Council Representative, Chairman of the Oglala Economic & Business Development Commission

Gerald M. Clifford, Director Oglala Rural Water Supply System

George Wilson, Director of Economic Development -

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: BRUCE REED

FROM: LYNN CUTLER
 MARY SMITH

CC: JOHN PODESTA
 MARIA ECHAVESTE
 JACK LEW
 THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR.
 GENE SPERLING

SUBJECT: Follow up From May 12 Meeting With Northern Plains Tribes

On Wednesday, May 12, you met with about 20 Northern Plains Tribes from Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Senators Daschle (D-SD), Baucus (D-MT), Conrad (D-ND), Dorgan (D-ND), and Johnson (D-SD) attended, as well as Representative Pomeroy (D-ND), Secretaries Babbitt, Cuomo, and Riley.

The main topics discussed at the meeting were health care, education, and housing. At the meeting you asked that the agencies prepare pilot projects that would benefit the Northern Plains tribes in particular and Indian Country in general. Since that time, we have convened several meetings in order to develop these projects. We have also met with Congressional staff to keep them apprised of our efforts.

Below is a listing of ongoing projects and other initiatives that will benefit Indian Country:

USDA

USDA and HUD have begun efforts to plan a community center at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. These agencies have had an outreach meeting with President Salway at Pine Ridge. The current thinking would expand the existing Boys and Girls Club Center to include programs for youth and to provide one-stop shopping for other federal programs. USDA and HUD plan to have a formal proposal for this center in 60 days.

DOD

DoD is working to increase contracting opportunities for Native American firms. The Air Force has launched the Air Force Montana/Wyoming Small Business Native American Initiative, a joint effort with the Native American Development Corporation (NADC) of Montana and Wyoming, aimed at increasing use of Native American firms in Air Force contract awards. This project has an initial goal of awarding \$50 million in contracts for FY99 in Montana and Wyoming. In subsequent years, the Air Force hopes to expand this initiative to other areas. On January 13, 1999, the Air Force awarded the first contract, estimated in the amount of \$45 million over 5 years, under this initiative to S&K Electronics, Inc., a tribally-owned firm located in Ronan, Montana. This contract is for technical order support for digitization and sustainment of F-15 foreign military sale country standard technical orders. DoD is working on sending out a letter within DoD to encourage all branches of the military to support contracting opportunities for Native Americans.

EDUCATION

Comprehensive Research Agenda on Indian Education. Pursuant to your executive order on Indian education, the Department of Education is developing a comprehensive research agenda on Indian education. This research agenda will include: the establishment of baseline data on academic achievement of American Indian and Alaska Native students; the evaluation of promising practices in Indian education; and analysis of the role of native language and culture in the development of educational strategies. In addition, Education is currently working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on a new Memorandum of Agreement on joint research, technical assistance, and professional development priorities.

Regional Partnership Forums. In addition, Education will hold a series of Regional Partnership Forums to improve the coordination of federal, state, local, and tribal governments in Indian education. The forum for the Northern Plains will be held the week of September 20 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

ENERGY

Funding of the Montana Tribal Consortium. The Department of Energy will provide over \$300,000 for the consortium consisting of Fort Peck Community College, Little Big Horn College, and Salish-Kootenai College. The mission of the Montana Tribal Consortium is to increase the number of American Indians who study science, mathematics, and technology

Indian Energy Study. The Department of Energy will prepare a report on (1) the electricity use and needs of Indian households and tribes; (2) the comparative electricity rates that Indian households are paying; and (3) the potential for renewable resources development on Indian

lands, including wind and solar energy. This could be a significant economic development opportunity if the tribes could export and sell energy.

“Town Hall” Meetings in Indian Country. The Secretary of Energy has hosted a town hall meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, and will host one more meeting in Indian Country on: (1) the effects of electricity deregulation, (2) the development of tribal energy resources, or (3) solutions to the lack of electricity on Indian reservations.

Implementation of “Indian 101s”: Energy will ask LaDonna Harris, a nationally-recognized tribal leader, to present a background course on American Indian sovereignty, culture, history, and basic legal principles.

FCC

Promoting Universal Service on Tribal Lands. On August 5, the FCC announced that it would seek comment on unserved and underserved areas, particularly in Indian Country. While nearly 95 percent of all households in the United States have telephone service today, Indians living on reservations and on tribal lands have significantly lower rates of telephone subscribership. The goal of this initiative is to ensure that the country does not become divided into information “haves” and “have-nots” and that consumers have access to the services supported by federal universal service support mechanisms.

Extending Wireless Services to Tribal Lands. Also on August 5, the FCC began exploring a number of possible terrestrial and satellite wireless policy initiatives to promote greater access to telecommunications services for individuals living on tribal lands. The FCC is seeking comment on the ways that wireless and satellite technology can be used to provide basic telephone service and other telecommunications services to tribal lands, particularly in remote areas where wireless alternatives could be significantly less expensive than wireline service.

HHS

Deregulation of Electricity. The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) within HHS is planning a new three-year competitive grant announcement for FY 2000 in order to assist Tribes in planning and implementing strategies with regard to the electricity industry. Open competition, as a result of the de-regulation of electricity, is setting the stage for Tribes to develop their own utility companies or inter-tribal cooperatives in order to sell electricity at more affordable rates. Grants for the first year will focus on information dissemination and getting the Tribes up to speed on what is involved in electricity industry competition. Second and third year grants will be for development grants to form electricity companies/cooperatives.

New Tribal Organization. ANA has begun negotiations with the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council concerning the formation of a new organization – *the Northern Plains Leadership Council*. This organization is needed to fully represent the elected leadership of the Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska Tribes. The new organization will deal mainly with policy issues and will have a main office probably located in the Dakotas

and possibly one office in the Washington, D.C., area. ANA will commit funds for three years through an interagency agreement.

HUD

Cooperation Agreements Technical Assistance and Training. Some federal Native American housing grant recipients have expressed difficulty in obtaining required cooperation agreements and exemption from taxation. HUD will hold quarterly conference calls with these recipients, Senior Community Builders, and other interested parties to discuss and implement strategies for resolving the problem. HUD's Office of General Counsel for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will also offer a training session, in conjunction with the next scheduled United Native American Housing Association meeting, on these issues. A meeting on this issue is being held August 24 in Pulson, Montana.

Tribal Legal Code Project. HUD has worked closely with tribes nationwide to compile reference materials for developing tribal legal codes related to housing, construction, and economic development. The goal of this initiative is to develop a useful tool for tribal lawyers, judges, and planners. Materials will soon be distributed, including: (1) a user-friendly CD ROM which will allow individuals to use the housing code information to find sample code language in many areas and for a variety of circumstances; (2) a revised and updated version of the model Tribal Housing Code; (3) a discussion of the basic elements of the legal infrastructure necessary for housing and community development in Indian Country; and (4) an identification and brief analysis of sample tribal land use and planning, zoning, building, corporations, environmental review, and probate codes.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). HUD staff will meet or video-conference with state LIHTC funding agencies to educate them on the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)(now called the Indian Housing Block Grant Program).. Through this communication and education, HUD will enhance the successful use of LIHTCs and NAHASDA funds to provide much needed housing on Indian reservations.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Partnership. HUD staff are working with the Regional Administrator of FEMA to select an Indian tribe in North or South Dakota for FEMA's Project Impact. The purpose of Project Impact is to prevent or reduce the impact of future natural and man-made disasters on Indian communities.

INTERIOR

Y2K Computers. With \$14 million of additional appropriations, Interior will be able to distribute 6,000 Y2K-compliant computers to tribes that run their own federal programs. This effort should result in all tribes running federal programs to be Y2K-compliant by the end of this year.

New Visitor Center in Badlands National Park in South Dakota. At your visit to Pine Ridge in July, you announced that the Department of the Interior is working on replacing the White River

Visitor Center on the South Unit of Badlands National Park in South Dakota. The current visitor center is housed in a trailer. This new visitors' center could serve as a link between Mount Rushmore and Wind Cave National Park. Interior will begin the design phase for the Visitor's Center in FY2001, and actual construction will begin in FY2002.

Road to Visitor's Center. In addition to replacing the visitors' center, Interior is exploring partnering with the Departments of Labor, Defense, and Transportation to help build and repair roads leading to this visitor center. Finally, these agencies are also looking into providing job training to the Tribe in the area of construction not only to help with the visitors' center and roads but also to build capacity over the long term.

DOJ

Improving the Mental Health of Native American Youth. As the first follow-up project to your May 12 meeting with the Northern Plains tribes, you announced this initiative at the White House Conference on Mental Health. This \$5 million inter-agency initiative will develop innovative strategies to address the mental health, behavioral, and substance abuse needs of Native American young people in approximately 10 Native American communities over a three-year period. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2000, the tribes will be able to apply for competitive funds, contingent on appropriations, through this coordinated grant process

CIRCLE PROJECT (Consortium of Indian Reservations Cooperating in Law Enforcement). DOJ has begun a demonstration project that will take a comprehensive and coordinated approach to law enforcement and public safety in Indian Country. DOJ has begun providing enhanced technical assistance to three Indian communities: the Oglala Sioux in South Dakota; the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico; and the Northern Cheyenne in Montana. Recently, DOJ met with each of these tribes in Denver to provide hands-on assistance in the development of their strategic plans, and, to date, all of the tribes have received funding to hire a full-time coordinator to guide the strategic planning. Applications, which will permit the tribes to access seven different grant programs through a single form, were due August 16.

SBA

HUBZone Fix. One of the big issues raised by tribes at the May 12 meeting there exclusion from full participation in SBA's HUBZone program, which provides federal contracting opportunities for qualified small businesses located in distressed areas. Pursuant to the HUBZone Act, a person that owns and controls a HUBZone entity must also be a United States citizen. Native American tribes are not specifically defined as United States citizens by federal statute. As we recently told you, SBA has finally resolved the issue, ruling that tribally-owned business are eligible to participate in the program. SBA is making every effort to get the word out to all of Indian Country.