



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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Dear Tribal Leader:

President Barack Obama recently signed into law the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (Public Law 114-178). We invite you to listening sessions and Tribal consultation sessions to provide your input on our plan for implementing this law.

Specifically, we seek your input on:

- The functions of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) and whether the functions they should be transferred to other entities within the Department of the Interior (Department);
- A transition plan and timetable for how identified OST functions might move to other entities within the Department;
- The transition of all appraisal services for Indian trust property to a single entity within the Department;
- Draft minimum qualifications for individuals to prepare appraisals and valuations of Indian trust property; and
- The establishment of an Under Secretary for Indian Affairs, as allowed under the Act, who is to report directly to the Secretary of the Interior and coordinate with OST to ensure an orderly transition of OST functions.

Background information on these items, including OST functions that may be transferrable to other entities within the Department and potential options for the single entity within the Department that could perform all appraisal services for Indian trust property, are available at the following website: www.doi.gov/OST/ITARA.

We have scheduled the following listening session and Tribal consultation sessions:

Date	Time (All Times Local)	Listening Sessions/ Tribal Consultation Sessions	Location
Wednesday 8/17/2016	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Listening Session (in conjunction with the Indian Land Working Group 2016 Symposium)	Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Airport Drive Green Bay, WI 54313
Monday 8/22/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	U.S. Forest Service 4000 Masthead St., NE Albuquerque, NM 87114

Friday 8/26/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	Minneapolis Convention Center 1301 Second Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55403
Monday 8/29/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	Henry M. Jackson Federal Building 915 2 nd Avenue North Auditorium Seattle, WA 98104
Wednesday 8/31/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mallowney Lane Billings, MT 89101
Wednesday 9/7/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	Osage Event Center 951 West 36 th St. N. Tulsa, OK 74127
Friday 9/9/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	Convention Center at the Denny Sanford Premier Center 1201 Northwest Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Monday 9/12/2016	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation	Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa 32-250 Bob Hope Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (Palm Springs, CA)
Monday 9/19/2016	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Tribal Consultation Teleconference	(888) 282-0365, passcode: 9342929

If you are unable to join us at the consultation session, but would like to submit written comments, please address them to OST_ITARA@ost.doi.gov or to: Ms. Elizabeth Appel, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 3642, Washington, DC 20240. We will consider all written input we receive by September 30, 2016.

We look forward to your input on our plans for implementing this historic Act.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Connor
Deputy Secretary