



**Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals**

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## Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program

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ITEP is coordinating an onsite mentoring project as part of our Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program (TSWEAP). If your tribe is facing challenges in implementing waste diversion or source reduction activities as part of your solid waste program (for example recycling, composting, minimizing hazardous substances in your waste stream, making tribally-owned facilities more sustainable, etc.) – then this new project may be the way for you to move forward.

Applicants may choose one of two ways to participate in this mentoring program:

- You may select to have a tribal professional visit your tribe. A mentor with experience in the type of activity you are interested in developing will visit your tribe. These activities can include any type of waste diversion or source reduction activities. The mentor will evaluate your current operations, meet with staff from your tribe, and make recommendations on how you can succeed. For example, if you are starting a small composting program and would like to explore options for expanding your operations, then a tribal professional with experience in composting will evaluate your current activities, make suggestions, and help you plan for future expansion. If this option is selected, ITEP will reimburse all travel expenses incurred by the visiting mentor.
- You may select to send one of your staff to a tribe doing exceptional work in the types of activities you are interested in pursuing. For example, if you are looking to develop sustainable practices at a tribally-owned facility you could send facility staff to another tribally-owned facility that has successfully developed sustainable practices, and see how these activities are put into practice. If this option is selected, ITEP will reimburse all travel expenses incurred by your staff member.

This will be a competitive process and this year we have funding for three tribes to participate in this opportunity. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate their commitment to create and initiate projects for their tribes, and following the completion of the site visit will submit a written report to ITEP that will be used as a case study to assist other tribes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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# Mentor Site Visit Application

(Please enter your text in the grey text box; there are no character limits)

Your Name:

Your Title:

Your Tribe:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

**Please select one of the following options:**

- I would like to have a mentor visit my tribe
- I would like to visit another tribal program/facility

What types of activities are you interested in developing or expanding (for example, recycling, composting, re-use centers, greening tribal operations, developing sustainable practices at tribal facilities, etc.)?

Please explain where you are at in developing and/or implementing your project. (For example, are you in the initial planning stages? Have you already established a core group to work on the project? Have you already implemented any aspects of the project?)

Please describe the challenges you are facing with fully implementing your project and why you feel you would benefit from participating in this project.

Please provide any additional information you feel would be helpful to us in evaluating your application.

Do you agree to provide ITEP with a written report about the site visit and any benefits you received following the site visit, which will be used as a case study to assist other tribes?

**Please return completed application to: Fax Number 928-523-1266, attention Todd Barnell or email to [todd.barnell@nau.edu](mailto:todd.barnell@nau.edu)**