

# 2017 Native American Business Month



Native American Business Month is a month long social media outreach initiative to highlight each USET Tribal Nation member and their economic development efforts each day in November. This initiative will allow for the sharing of economic development opportunities within the USET Tribal Nation membership and educate the larger population of economic development initiatives of Tribal Nations.



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Located in the base of the Great Smoky Mountains, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians economy centers around robust tourism and hospitality offerings.

The success of Harrah's® Cherokee Casino Resort has provided important income for the Western North Carolina region and draws millions of visitors to Cherokee annually.

To learn more visit their website at <http://visitcherokeenc.com/home>

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Micosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

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Formed in 1973, the Micosukee Corporation today owns and operates a number of tourism and hospitality activities throughout their community including a service station and Indian Village Village on the Tamiami Trail Reservation, a gaming facility and tobacco shop on the Krome Avenue Reservation, and a full service service plaza on Alligator Alley Reservation.

To learn more visit the website at <http://www.micosukee.com/tribe/>

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Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) owns and operates a diversified portfolio of manufacturing, service, retail and tourism enterprises including First American Plastic Molding Enterprise. First American Plastic Molding Enterprise is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) injection mold manufacturer that provides customized thermoplastic injection molding solutions to countless industries in the United States.

To learn more about First American Plastic Molding Enterprise, visit their website at <http://www.firstamericanplastic.com/>

To learn more about MBCI visit their website at <http://www.mbcitn.com/home.html>

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Seminole Tribe of Florida

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The Seminole Tribe of Florida currently employs more than 2,000 non-Indians and purchases more than \$24 million dollars in goods and services from more than 650 Florida vendors a year.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida has more non-contiguous reservations than any tribe in North America and there a numerous hospitality and tourism enterprises throughout the air reservations in South and Central Florida with probably the most recognizable enterprise being the Hard Rock brand being acquired in 2007.

To learn more about the Seminole Tribe of Florida and their many enterprises, visit [www.seminoletribe.com](http://www.seminoletribe.com)

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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

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The Chitimacha Tribe operates several Tribal enterprises including, steel, casino, hotel, trading post, construction and contracting entities.

Colorado Professional Resources, LLC (CPR) was formed by the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana to provide professional services at a support of Department of Defense Agencies along with service offerings which focus primarily on satellite systems engineering and training.

To learn more about Colorado Professional Resources, LLC, visit their website: <http://cprresources.com>

To learn more about the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana visit their website <http://www.chitimacha.com>

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Seneca Nation of Indians

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The Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development & Tourism Division focuses on four core components including Energy Development, Tourism Development, Entrepreneurial Development and Public Infrastructure & Development Policy. The Nation also owns a host of subsidiaries that seek to create opportunities for every Seneca to improve their standard of living.

One innovative company is Seneca Energy LLC, and their mission is to build sustainable energy assets through wind, natural gas, solar, and water/wastewater projects.

To learn more about Seneca Energy LLC, visit their website: <http://www.senecaeenergy.com>

To learn more about Seneca Nation visit their website <http://www.seneca-ny.gov>

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Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

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The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana made a name for themselves as one of the largest in the country. With witnessing dances in full regalia claim the Dancing Grounds to the accompaniment of tribal drums and songs, visitors can stay at the Coushatta Casino Resort.

The casino resort features gaming, luxurious hotel rooms, a luxury spa, resort, fabulous restaurants, and live entertainment options that employ 2,500 people and remains an integral part of the local economy.

To learn more about the annual Coushatta Powwow, visit their website <http://www.coushattapowwow.com>

To learn more about Coushatta Casino and Resort visit their website <http://www.coushattacasinoreport.com>

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Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office of Economic Development (CED) specializes in providing economic self-sufficiency through the provision of training, technical assistance and grants designed to support the development of new and expanded businesses which create jobs, strengthen and diversify industry, and create new job opportunities.

The Akwesasne District is a park in business and services located in and near the town of Akwesasne in Ontario, Canada. The industry is a joint effort between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Ontario County of Akwesasne. It is established annually in the early spring.

To learn more about the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, visit their website <http://www.srmf.net/gov>

To learn more about the Akwesasne District visit their website <http://www.akwesasne.com>

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Penobscot Indian Nation

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Penobscot Indian Nation (PINN) is a tribal government with a specific goal to invest in high technology, research and development with high quality, sustainable energy, water, and waste management, and renewable product service division.

An extension of Penobscot Indian Health Services, Penobscot Health Services LLC provides medical and dental health staffing services including medical, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, dental, substance abuse and mental health consulting. The Indian Health Clinic, in 2008, built 4000 patient care beds and has a staff of over 200 employees and early insurance collection and processing.

To learn more about the Penobscot Indian Nation, visit their website <http://www.penobscotindian.org/home>

To learn more about Penobscot Health Services LLC, visit their website <http://www.phsllc.com/home>

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Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point

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Economic Development isn't just about making a deal, but can also have impact in preserving community cultural heritage.

The Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point Food Sovereignty and Fisheries programs are examples where Tribal Citizens can receive trainings on harvesting traditional foods while also providing commercial economic opportunities.

To learn more about the Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point, visit their website: <http://www.wabanaki.com/wabanaki-tribe/index.html>.

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Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township

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Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township has many Tribal ventures including Passamaquoddy Maple 100% pure maple syrup sustainably harvested from Maine.

Passamaquoddy Maple has tapped over 70,000 trees and produced over a thousand gallons of maple syrup and candies. To learn more about Passamaquoddy Maple visit their website: <https://www.passamaquoddy-maple.com/>.

To learn more about Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township visit their website: <https://www.passamaquoddy.com/>.

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Houlton Band of Maliseets

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Houlton Band of Maliseet has established a 501(c)(3) organization called the Maliseet Development Corporation in addition to a for-profit corporation, the Maliseet Gardens, incorporated in order to further solidify the financial future of the Band and honor and enhance the efforts of the Maliseet Development Corporation.

Maliseet Gardens Inc. was instrumental in developing and clearing a multi-million dollar commercial/residential/rental property located in downtown Bangor, Maine.

To learn more about the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians please visit their website: <http://www.houltonband.com/>.

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Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

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The Tunica-Biloxi Economic Development Corporation (EDC) serves as the business development arm of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribal Leadership with the primary objective of developing and diversifying the economic base and future interests of the Tribe.

One example of diversification is Acacia Distilleries, a French and Thaic production gin distillery with luxury bottle packaging. After the success of their debut gin now "Wild River," you take the next financial project the political drama "L.A." starring Academy Award® nominated actor Billy Houston and Academy Award® nominee Rip Torn.

To learn more about Acacia Distilleries and the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana please visit their website: <http://www.tunicabiloxi.org/tribal-initiatives/economic-development/>.

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Poarch Band of Creek Indians

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Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council formed Creek Indian Entertainment Development Authority (CEA) in 2014. Its primary goal is to harness, develop and manage the art of the Tribe's rich history.

Part of why this is such a successful venture, CEA has worked with the City of Oklawaha to establish a multi-million dollar sports facility and water park destination on its historic land around the existing The Poseidon's name. CEA owns 50% while the Oklawaha Creek language and history is the Tribal side of the course of Oklawaha. Project the Poseidon's Entertainment park is 180,000 square feet, plus a 500,000 sq ft and a wide selection of restaurants and shopping opportunities.

To learn more about OWA please visit their website: <http://www.owa.com>.

To learn more about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians visit their website: <http://www.poarchbandofcreekindians.com>.

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Narragansett Indian Tribe

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The Narragansett Indian Tribe's Department of Community Planning and Natural Resources promotes sustainable community development and ecological functions.

The goals of the department are to develop a sound economic base that will lead the Tribe to a future of self-sufficiency and one such way they are achieving this is through permitting activities, including funding, zoning and zoning permits.

To learn more about the Department of Community Planning and Natural Resources, please visit their website: <http://tribe.org/government/department/department-community-planning-and-natural-resources/>.

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Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

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In 1986 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation opened the original high stakes bingo hall.

Lucky Foxwoods comprises six casinos that offer more than 4,200 slot machines and an incredible 380 tables for 17 different types of table games, including 100 fly poker. There's a casual, high-tech table look, as well as the world's biggest Bingo Hall.

To learn more about the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation visit their website: <https://www.mptn-nsi.gov/>.

To learn more about the 20th Anniversary of Foxwoods Resort and Casino visit their website: <https://www.foxwoods.com>.

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Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah

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The National Bioscience Experiment (NBE) Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah has constructed state and nationally accredited environmental laboratory on the banks of Mattaponi River.

The Wampanoag Environmental Laboratory is owned by the state of Massachusetts for its technology and chemistry allowing the tribe to provide drinking water analysis for homes and businesses.

To learn more about the Wampanoag Environmental Laboratory, visit their website: <http://wampanoagtribe.com/environmental-nbe.html>.

To learn more about the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah please visit their website: <http://www.wampanoagtribe.com/pages/tribe-overview-1041910>.

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Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

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The Alabama-Coushatta Tribes established a government Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) to embrace the economic development efforts of the Tribe.

The Tribal Council established the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Holdings LLC (ACTH) as the parent company for any subsidiary companies that will be formed as a 100% Tribally owned LLC.

To learn more about ACT Holdings visit their website: <http://www.alabamacoushatta.com/EconomicDevelopment/ACTHoldingsLLC.aspx>.

To learn more about the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas please visit their website: <http://www.alabamacoushatta.com/home.aspx>.

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### Oneida Indian Nation

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The success of Oneida Nation Enterprises enables the Oneidas to consistently succeed in their surrounding communities, setting the effort to realize Central New York.

One enterprise, Four Directions Productions is a high-end cinematography, 3D animation and multimedia production house and produced the award-winning Falcon and Crowfish short.

To learn more about the Oneida Indian Nation please visit their website: <http://www.oneidaenterprises.com/enterprise/>

To learn more about Four Directions Productions visit their website: <http://www.fourdirectionsproductions.com/>



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### Aroostook Band of Micmacs

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Micmac Governmental Laboratory is owned and operated by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Tribal Government.

The laboratory was established by the Tribal Nation to support the environmental testing needs of the Micmac Governmental Department, which includes environmental health programs, water/waste, power air, and natural resource management programs for Tribal owned properties.

To learn more about the Micmac Governmental Laboratory visit their website: <http://www.micmacs.com/governmental/>

To learn more about the Aroostook Band of Micmacs please visit their website: <http://www.micmacs.com/governmental/>



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### Catawba Indian Nation

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The Small Business Development Program of the Catawba Indian Nation is part of the Economic Development Department. The Catawba Indian Nation Small Business Program manages Tribal members to use the Tribal resources as well as outside resources to achieve a through path to starting or expanding businesses.

With over 35 Tribal member owned businesses, this is a testament to the creativity and ability of the 7000 members. Being located in a unique position in South Carolina, the Catawba Indian Nation has some land available for development.

To learn more about development opportunities and the Catawba Indian Nation visit their website: <http://www.catawba-tribe.com/development/>



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### Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

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At many Tribal Nations, the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians often getting a lot of attention for business and visitors in their community.

The Jena Choctaw Poker Casino opened its doors in 2013, featuring 40,000 square feet of entertainment with over 200 gaming machines, live poker and multiple dining options, the Nation continues to look forward to the future.

To learn more about the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians visit their website: <http://jenchocoweb.org>

To learn more about the Jena Choctaw Poker Casino visit their website: <http://jenchocoweb.com>



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### The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

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Several years ago, the Mohegan Tribe determined that business development opportunities in non-gaming areas were well required to maintain self-sufficiency.

The franchise food industry was deemed a good fit, and since 2014 Mohegan Holding Company has established agreements with Accoya Grill House and Sports Bar, Smashburger, Jersey Mike's, Subs and Pasta, and has also opened numerous restaurants in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island with plans for stores more across the region in the coming years.

To learn more about the Mohegan Tribe's development and/or visit please visit their website: <http://mohegantribe.com/BusinessDevelopment/mohegan-holding-company/>



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### Cayuga Nation

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The Cayuga Nation operates the Gakwiyo Garden in Seneca Falls, Cayuga Provisions was started in 2015 to support farmers to produce and be given to the members of the Cayuga Indian Nation, produce grown on Cayuga Nation's reservation at Gakwiyo Garden is brought back to the Nation daily where it is preserved once a day.

These unique and interesting products are now available to the public, both online and at select farmer's markets, wineries and specialty stores.

To learn more about the Cayuga Nation and Gakwiyo Garden visit their website: <http://cayuganation.com/cayugaprovisions>

To learn more about Gakwiyo Provisions visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GakwiyoProvisions>



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### Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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The new Planning and Development Department address the Tribal Council and its Departmental Commission and Committee's current program funding opportunities, investment and infrastructure development opportunities. The Planning Department is committed to assisting the community with funding support, high quality, proactive services and programs to enhance the quality of life for the members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

One of the many initiatives the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe operates is a shellfish water shellfish program to improve the water quality of its Reservation Bay by reducing the nitrogen compounds while creating a source of revenue by selling to wholesalers.

To learn more about the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe visit their website: <http://www.mashpeewampanoag-tribe.com/>



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### Shinnecock Indian Nation

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Bringing traditions and other visitors to their tribal community, the Shinnecock Indian Nation hosts some 30,000 visitors to the powwow grounds, located on the Shinnecock Indian Reservation in Southampton, Long Island, NY in order to the celebration of their culture.

Every year award-winning artists showcase their talent throughout the weekend and these artists sell traditional goods and souvenirs.

To learn more about the actual powwow visit the official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/psppaw/shinnecockpowwow/>

To learn more about the Shinnecock Indian Nation please visit their website: <http://www.shinnecocktribe.com/>



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### Pamunkey Indian Tribe

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The newest Tribal Nation member of USCT, the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, established a Museum and Cultural Center to educate visitors and the surrounding community about the Pamunkey people.

The museum is open Saturday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Sunday from 12:00 - 4:00 pm.

To learn more about the Museum and Cultural Center visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PamunkeyIndianMuseumandCulturalCenter> 2022222533864471

To learn more about the Pamunkey Indian Tribe please visit their website: <http://pamunkey.org>



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