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The Department of the Interior Announces Tribal Consultations on the Native American Business Incubators Program Act

Dear USET SPF Membership,

The Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) has announced two Tribal consultations on the implementation of the Native American Business Incubators Program Act ([P.L. 116-174](#)). This program provides competitive grants to eligible applicants to establish and operate business incubators within Tribal communities. IEED is seeking recommendations from Tribal Nations on program eligibility, application processes, award disbursement, and program administration.

USET SPF supported passage of the Native American Business Incubators Program Act by providing [Congressional Testimony](#) on January 31, 2017, and signing on to Inter-Tribal Organization letters of support on [February 13, 2019](#), and [November 16, 2020](#). Grants awarded through the program are for a term of three years and the law included an authorization for an appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

To view the proposed rule published in the Federal Register to implement the Native American Business Incubators Program Act, [click here](#).

To register for the consultations please click the links below—

IEED Tribal Consultation #1

- Date and Time: **May 12, 2021, at 1:00pm ET**
- [Click Here to Register](#)

IEED Tribal Consultation #2

- Date and Time: **May 13, 2021, at 1:00pm ET**
- [Click Here to Register](#)

The deadline to submit comments to IEED is **June 14, 2021** and can be emailed to consultation@bia.gov with the email subject line “1076-AF63”, or through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under [BIA-2021-0002](#).

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