



December 23, 2009

Dear Tribal Leader:

On November 5, 2009, President Obama signed a Memorandum on Tribal Consultations directing each Federal agency to submit an action plan detailing how the agency will meet the consultation requirements set out in Executive Order 13175. This action plan is due on February 3, 2010, and in keeping with the spirit of the Executive Order and Presidential Memorandum, we are seeking your input as we develop the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) action plan.

GSA is committed to meeting the Administration's goal of regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in policy decisions that have tribal impacts. Our Agency's mission is to leverage the buying power of the Federal government to acquire best value for taxpayers and our Federal customers by exercising responsible asset management, delivering superior workplaces, quality acquisition services and expert business solutions, and developing innovative and effective management policies. Based on our mission and our portfolio of responsibilities, there are a number of areas where GSA intersects with Tribes and tribal interests. These areas include, but are not limited to, Federal acquisition services, Federal Management Regulations, GSA-SmartPay purchase and travel cards, Federal real property management and disposal and Federal acquisition, motor vehicle, aviation, and travel regulations.

GSA plans to review all of its programs and policies to determine which areas have direct tribal impacts that would require consultation. While GSA does have existing policies for interacting with Tribes, we view the development of this action plan as an opportunity to go beyond consultation by setting a GSA-wide consultation policy that will enhance our existing relationships, and help build new ones. We would greatly value your input as we develop our action plan. Specifically, we would like to hear from you regarding, but not limited to, the following items:

- How can your current interactions with GSA be improved through consultation?
- What actions or events should require consultation?
- Who should be involved in consultations?
- What is the preferred timeframe for consultation?
- What format should consultations take?
- What, if any, alternatives could be employed to strengthen consultation (e.g., workshops, task forces, participation in inter-tribal meetings, etc.)?

For your reference, you may find President Obama's Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, at the following web address:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/memorandum-tribal-consultation-signed-president>

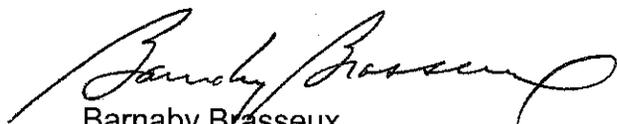
You may find Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments at the following web address:

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2000\\_register&docid=fr09no00-167.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2000_register&docid=fr09no00-167.pdf)

We look forward to your input and hope that we can work together to shape a consultation policy that will enhance our relationship for years to come. Please email comments to: [Tribal.Consultation@gsa.gov](mailto:Tribal.Consultation@gsa.gov). We would appreciate your comments by Friday, January 22, 2010.

Thank you in advance for your input. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ralph Conner, Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. He can be reached at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,



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