



## **2010 Report of Government to Government Activities with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes**

In compliance with ORS 182.166 (3), the Oregon Business Development Department is submitting its annual report of Government to Government Activities with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes.

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### **Agency Programs that Impact Tribes:**

Business Oregon has a myriad of programs that impact Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes. Primarily these programs exist in three functional areas: 1) Business Development Programs, 2) Infrastructure Finance Programs, and 3) Arts Commission/Cultural Trust Programs.

#### ***1. Business Development Programs:***

Business Oregon delivers its business development programs through professional field staff (aka business development officers) who work on a day-to-day basis with local governments, including tribal nations. Members of the business development staff have provided technical assistance to Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes as follows:

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw: Participated in Tribal "Listening Session" on 10/01/2010

Coquille Indian Tribe: Participated in Tribal "Listening Session" on 6/23/2010, met with Coquille Tribe Forester on 10/21/2010 to review and discuss the Tribe's wood fiber recovery pilot project

Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde Community: Visit and presentation of Enterprise Zones program to tribal council on July 21, 2010

Klamath Tribe

Response to inquiry from Klamath Tribes, regarding tribal partnership zones

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation: Worked with Tribe on Industrial Site Certification of industrial property. Site became the first tribal Certified Industrial Site in Oregon, met with Cayuse Technologies (located on tribal trust land) to discuss workforce training assistance, attended quarterly meetings with Umatilla Economic Development staff.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: Assisted Tribe in establishing Enterprise Zone, assistance with changes to State Law for the siting of utility scale energy project, provided lumber export assistance, attended meetings for proposed Cascade Locks Casino project and provided information, provided ongoing technical assistance to attorney and officials of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

#### All Tribes

Presentation of Enterprise Zone information at cluster meeting that attended by representatives of all nine of Oregon's federally recognized Indian tribes during June 2010.

#### Legislative Support

1. Support for lobbyists on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Community of Oregon and others tribes during 2010 special session of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.
2. Presentation to Legislative Commission on Indian Services in January 2010
3. Sought commentary on draft and then proposed administrative rules that addressed tribal zones and other enterprise zones.

**Business Finance & Minority Certification Programs:** Business Oregon administers several business finance related loan and loan guarantee programs as well as the Office of Minority Owned, Women Owned, Emerging Small Business Certification.

Members of this team provided information to Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde at the University of Oregon Reverse Trade Show about minority certification programs. Business Oregon worked with RSL Construction, owned by a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde to get the business certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) and as a minority owned business enterprise (MBE) in May 2010.

Staff presented information about the business finance, business retention services, and certification programs to members of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians in September 2010. Siletz Technologies, LLC, a Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians owned enterprise, was certified as an MBE in September 2010.

Staff provided technical assistance to Cayuse Technologies, LLC, a Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation owned enterprise, to become a DBE.

**Export Assistance & Oregon Trade Promotion Program (OTTP):** Business Oregon works to enhance Oregon's position in the global economy by assisting Oregon businesses in accessing global markets and by recruiting international companies to Oregon. Global Trade Specialists are available to work with tribally owned enterprises (or business owned by tribal members directly) to provide technical assistance with export services. We made

contact with Native American Technology Corporation (NATECH) in Southern Oregon that is owned by a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

**Oregon Innovation Council Community Seafood Initiative (CSI):** Business Oregon supports the work of the Oregon Innovation Council Initiatives by providing funding. One of the Oregon InC initiatives worked with community seafood efforts.

CSI, along with partner Sea Grant, has continued to work through the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs on development of a seafood processing facility to be constructed on the reservation.

Product Development specialist Mark Whitham has continued to engage tribal members through this process, which was described by their Fish and Wildlife committee as a vision which includes transforming an existing unutilized production facility on their reservation into a multi-use facility which incorporates both short and long term goals of cultural preservation, seafood and first foods production as well as basic ideas for putting unemployed tribal members to work.

CTWS hopes to employ upwards of ten tribal members at this facility. Another long-term goal and potential revenue stream for the Warm Springs Tribe was the possible commercialization and retail of canned and retortable pouch seafood products for sale in American Indian Casinos around the country. The following activities with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs took place in 2010:

- Continued meetings with tribal representatives and CRITFC members regarding processing facility (at least five separate meetings).
- A meeting with USDA Rural Development – Oregon (with Jeff Deiss) regarding FY2010 Assistance to Native American communities program. Funds in The Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program could be used for technical assistance, training, and equipment. A concept proposal was requested and submitted for \$275,000.

In addition, CSI provided technical assistance to Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation members in the Astoria pilot plant doing test runs on sample smoked salmon in retortable pouches.

**Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (OBAC):** Business Oregon provides staff support and is home to the council. The mission of the council is to encourage coordination and collaboration between organizations and economic sectors to leverage the development and utilization of broadband for education, workforce development, government and healthcare, and to promote broadband adoption by citizens and communities. The council members represent Oregon's cities, counties, telecommunications service providers, tribes, educators, economic development organizations, public safety agencies, healthcare providers, e-government, the Public Utility Commission, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate.

Lonny Macy of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs sits on the Council and represents statewide tribal interests and issues related to broadband telecommunications. The Warm Springs Telecommunications Company (WSTC) was recently awarded a \$5.4 million federal grant to build a telecommunications network to provide broadband services to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. For more information: [www.broadband-oregon.org](http://www.broadband-oregon.org)

**Oregon Broadband Mapping Project:** Business Oregon is working with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services on a federally funded project to map the served, underserved and unserved areas of Oregon.

The tribes are a targeted community for data collection and with the support of OBAC were surveyed on the current use of broadband Internet services by tribal governments. Six of the nine federally recognized tribes responded with information; the Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians.

**Oregon Health Network:** Business Oregon contributed to the creation of the Oregon Health Network to deploy a statewide broadband network to improve the quality of healthcare and healthcare education in Oregon through an 85% subsidy of construction and monthly service costs, awarded by the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Healthcare Pilot Program, and sits on the Board of Directors of this 501(c)(3) corporation. Subsidized broadband Internet access and Oregon Health Network access are being provided to the Siletz Community Health Clinic - Confederated Tribes of Siletz under the program. For more information: [www.oregonhealthnet.org](http://www.oregonhealthnet.org)

**Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference:** Business Oregon is one of the sponsors of this statewide conference and chaired the event's planning committee. The 2010 conference included the session, *Tribal Telecommunications: Issues, Challenges and Projects*. Speakers on the conference program represented the Warm Springs Telecommunications Company - Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Cayuse Technologies - Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and Rio Networks - Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Rio Networks also received an Oregon Connections Excellence in Telecommunications Partnerships Award for its Business Incubator and Data Center Project in Roseburg. For more information: [www.oregonconnections.info](http://www.oregonconnections.info)

## **2. Infrastructure Finance Programs:**

Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes are eligible entities for the department's infrastructure finance programs. In 2010, members of the Infrastructure Finance Authority staff provided the following services to Oregon's tribes:

1. Awarded Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation an SPWF grant of \$6,279 on March 1, 2010 for third party reviewer for industrial site certification.
2. Invited Application from Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians for their Hatch Track Water System Expansion. Project was not

awarded funding since tribe wanted grant consideration, but job creation could not be documented. Application was withdrawn.

3. Project development work continued on mill site development for the Coquille Indian Tribe, but no project has been fully developed to date.
4. Technical Assistance to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation concerning possible grant funding for a Biomass Feasibility Study for the Confederated Tribes on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

### ***3. Arts Commission & Cultural Trust Programs:***

The Arts Commission and Cultural Trust advocate for arts and culture as cornerstones of community and civic life, and its work is focused on providing Oregonians wide access to the arts and their benefits, assisting arts organizations to develop skills and resources to offer high quality programs across the state, providing better access to quality arts learning opportunities, and assisting Oregon's artists in developing their skills and careers.

#### Burns Paiute Tribe

Kimberly Howard is assisting the Cultural Resources Department of the Burns Paiute Tribe to create a Cultural Coalition and complete revisions on the cultural plan draft created in 2003. Direct communication has been established with Kenton Dick of the tribe and Joe Mentor, the tribal attorney who works with Tribe on land use issues.

#### Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw

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#### Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde Community

Kimberly Howard provided in-person and phone technical assistance to the members of the Cultural Coalition of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community to update the cultural plan for the tribe and access Cultural Trust grant funds. The updated plan was submitted to the Cultural Trust Board for approval.

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#### Confederated Tribes of Siletz

Kimberly Howard is assisting the Cultural Coalition of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz to select and contract with a consultant to help them complete a cultural plan.

#### Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

FY11 Arts Services Grant of \$6,000 to Crow's Shadow Institute on the Umatilla reservation:

To support the center for traditional and contemporary native arts, including public workshops and printmaking residencies, led by master printer Frank Janzen, for emerging and established artists. It offers its printmaking studio to Nixyaawii high school students.

Because Crow's Shadow received this funding from the Arts Commission, it is included in the monthly teleconferences of all arts services providers that promote networking and information sharing among all of the grantees.

The Oregon Arts Commission, on behalf of the State Capitol, requested and secured \$15,000 from The Ford Family Foundation to purchase a painting, Flag 2, by artist James Lavadour, member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla. The work will be added to the Capitol Art Collection, and be included in a forthcoming catalog.

Kimberly Howard worked with the Cultural Coalition of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians on two conference calls to assist them in updating their cultural plan. The updated plan was submitted to the Cultural Trust Board for approval.

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#### Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Carol Leone, director of the Museum at Warm Springs, participated as a grant panelist for the review of FY11 Arts Services grant applications.

The Arts Commission featured *Art Through Ancestry*, the High Desert Museum's exhibition of the work of Pat Courtney Gold, Rick Bartow and Lillian Pitt in the 2010 report profiling strong *Arts Build Communities* projects.

Kimberly Howard was the featured speaker at a grant writing workshop organized by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in February 2010. 25 tribal members attended the two hour workshop which produced 15 new applications for the Cultural Coalition of Warm Springs, aka Washanaksha Cultural Trust.

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### **Communication between Agency and Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes:**

The above activities indicate a significant amount of communication and collaboration between Business Oregon and Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. Sarah Miller, the agency's Policy & Planning Division Administrator, acts as the department's tribal liaison and provides formal staffing to the Government to Government Economic Development & Community Services Tribal Cluster.

The cluster held three meetings this year:

- March 19, 2010-Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- June 24, 2010-Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
- September 30, 2010-Hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe

Attendance at this cluster has increased significantly, with eight of the nine tribes being represented at the last two cluster meetings.

The agency has been actively working its Tribal Work Plan, conducting listening sessions with local tribal leaders to better understand their five year plans for economic development. This results in several communications with each tribe. The agency remains committed to working in close coordination with Oregon's tribes to advance their economic development efforts.