



## **2012 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, aka Business Oregon, 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. Infrastructure Finance Programs:**

Business Oregon delivers its business development programs through professional field staff (aka business development officers, BDO's) 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:

Coquille Indian Tribe: Met with Coquille Economic Development Corporation (CEDCO), the Oregon Department of Energy and consultants to discuss the feasibility of siting a heat and power biomass facility near the casino in North Bend. The Business Development Officer continued conversations with the tribe on two topics: options and infrastructure needs of the tribes' vacant property on US101 in North Bend and the Perpetua Power project.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: Continued conversations with the tribes regarding their long term interest in development at Cascade Locks. Business Oregon continues to be a part of a Central Oregon Aviation Committee that is working with the Tribe on the proposed Unmanned Aviation Vehicle (UAV) testing areas. The Aviation group was the founder for the effort to make application to the FAA for one of the six new UAV Centers of Excellence for testing. The Oregon Innovation Council (Oregon InC) recently recommended \$2.5 million to the statewide UAV application lead by Oregon

State University to be included in the Governor's budget for the 2013-15 biennium. The tribes are a key member of this effort and Business Oregon was an early funder of the effort.

#### All Tribes

Most Tribes attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians in Pendleton, as well as Tribes from other Northwest areas.

**Business Finance & Minority Certification Programs:** Business Oregon administers several business loan and loan guarantee programs. During FY2012, a letter of credit of \$500,000 was renewed for the Native American Technologies Corporation that is majority owned by Wanda Williford of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw.

Business Oregon also administers the Office of Minority Owned, Women Owned, Emerging Small Business Certification program. No new tribal certifications were made in FY2012.

**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. In 2012, Lonny Macy of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was reappointed to the Council by the Governor and represents statewide tribal interests and issues related to broadband telecommunications. For more information: [www.broadband-oregon.org](http://www.broadband-oregon.org).

**Warm Springs Telecommunications Company:** The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs deployed a telecommunications network to provide broadband services to the Warm Springs Reservation. Business Oregon attended the January 2012 ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new tribal telecom company's central office and customer service center on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. For more information: [www.warmspringstelecom.com](http://www.warmspringstelecom.com).

**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. Data on the broadband service availability on tribal lands is collected and updated twice a year and is displayed on the Oregon Broadband Map. Data is searchable by tribal lands on the map at [www.broadband.oregon.gov](http://www.broadband.oregon.gov).

**Oregon Health Network:** Business Oregon contributed to the creation of and serves on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Health Network, which has deployed 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. Subsidized broadband Internet access and Oregon Health Network access are being provided to the Siletz Community Health Clinic – Confederated Tribes of Siletz, to the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and to the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center – Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians 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 chairs the event's planning committee. The 2012 conference will include a showcase of Warm Springs Telecom Broadband project which has deployed a fiber and wireless broadband network on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. For more information: [www.oregonconnections.info](http://www.oregonconnections.info).

### **Oregon Broadband Outreach and Strategic Planning Project**

The State of Oregon, through the Public Utility Commission of Oregon was awarded a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to support strategic planning for broadband growth and adoption. Business Oregon on behalf of the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council is a sub-recipient of the grant to implement the Oregon Broadband Outreach and Strategic Planning Project to develop eight local community plans to accelerate broadband adoption and utilization. Business Oregon solicited participation from all the Tribes in Oregon. The Warm Springs Indian Reservation will be one of the first four local communities to participate. Work will begin in October 2012 to produce a strategic plan by March 2013. For more information: [www.oregonbroadbandplanning.org](http://www.oregonbroadbandplanning.org).

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

Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes are eligible entities for the department's infrastructure finance programs. There was no direct funding for tribal projects in 2012. Sovereignty conflicts with program collateral requirements remain a problem for tribal financing.

### **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 the 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.

#### Crow's Shadow Institute, Pendleton, Technical Assistance

To support this center for traditional and contemporary native arts, including public workshops and printmaking residencies, led by master printer Frank Janzen, for emerging and established artists. Crow's Shadow was selected to participate in the Commission's 1:1 Coaching program, which offers targeted technical assistance with a professional consultant to a small number of groups ready to tackle issues of organizational development. Following that, the Commission offered additional coaching to assist Crow's Shadow through an executive leadership transition.

#### Oregon Folklife Network, Eugene/statewide, Technical services and grants, \$25,000

Located at the University of Oregon, the statewide Oregon Folklife Network re-established Oregon's traditional arts and apprenticeship program and reached out to all tribes with technical assistance.

#### Ethos Music Center, Portland, Operating Support Grant, \$19,000

Ethos offers music education across the state. The rural outreach program includes a partnership with The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, which included the development of a culturally specific music education program for students in Native American flute and drum.

Oregon's Percent for Art in Public Places Program has built a collection of over 2,500 works of art, displayed in public buildings across the state. In FY2012, the program commissioned works by tribal

members James Lavadour (Umatilla), Tony Johnson (Chinook) and Shirod Younker (Coquille). These commissioned pieces will be installed FY2013.

The Oregon Cultural Trust and its funded partners, including the Oregon Arts Commission, offered a free, public grants training workshop in central Oregon which draw residents from the Warm Springs tribe.

The Oregon Cultural Trust can award an annual Cultural Participation grant to cultural coalitions organized within Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. By encouraging people to experience and appreciate local cultural resources, it fosters the development of a community cultural identity. With local autonomy, the coalitions involve the community in creating, sharing, documenting, celebrating and developing that cultural identity.

In FY2012 the following Confederated Tribes received grants to increase public participation in Oregon culture:

- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw - \$6,065
- Coquille Indian Tribe - \$6,042
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde - \$6,358
- Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation - \$6,194
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indian Tribes - \$6,106
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs through their coalition committee Washanaksha - \$6,343

In August 2011, Cultural Trust Manager Kimberly Howard provided technical assistance to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to better use the Grants Online reporting system, so that their representative could file the fiscal year 2011 final report on Cultural Trust funding.

Howard also worked with the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, in June 2012, on two conference calls to assist them in filing their final report for fiscal year 2011. Tribal representatives were not able to fulfill the final report requirement before the end of the fiscal year 2012, so funds allocated to them were carried forward into fiscal year 2013 and added to the overall Cultural Participation allocation for funding to all coalitions.

Trust staff held a face-to-face meeting with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians to complete their cultural plan. The plan was completed, reviewed by the Cultural Trust board and approved at the November 2011 meeting, enabling the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indian Tribe to receive their first Cultural Trust Participation grant. Funds were released December 2011.

Cultural Trust board member Walter Frankel worked with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz to complete a draft cultural plan for the tribal cultural coalition. This plan was completed in the spring of 2012. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz representatives are still seeking approval by the Tribal Council before the tribal cultural coalition can proceed to submit the plan to the Cultural Trust for approval. Trust staff is now providing assistance to the Cultural Coalition of the Siletz Tribe to select and retain a consultant to assist them in completing the cultural plan.

Three tribes have not developed cultural plans that will enable them to access funds from the Cultural Trust. Staff has reached out to the Burns Paiute Tribe, Klamath Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz inviting them to seek assistance on starting and/or finishing a cultural plan. In

response to that outreach, the Trust received an email from the Klamath Tribe asking what it needs to do to be included in the funding cycle for FY2014. The Trust Manager has sent them information.

The Confluence Project, funded through a Cultural Trust Collaborative Partner Grant (Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission, State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Humanities), presented an arts-education program entitled “Gifts from Our Ancestors” which showcased artwork and stories by students from the Warm Springs Tribe.

### **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. Lisa Ansell, the agency’s Strategic Services Manager, 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 four meetings this calendar year:

- March 2, 2012- Hosted by Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indian Tribes
- June 8, 2012- Hosted by the Business Oregon
- September 28, 2012- Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
- November 29, 2012- Hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe in conjunction with the Annual Governors Summit meeting

During a continuous improvement exercise in November of 2011, the cluster members asked for more formal presentations by state agencies to provide awareness on various programs that were of interest. The formal presentations covered a wide variety of subjects and were well received. The presentations are listed below.

- Tax Committee Reactivation – Brett Kinney
- Legislative Overview – Michael Mason
- Business Oregon business programs – Gary VanHuffel
  
- Statewide Transportation Strategy: A 2050 Vision for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction - Kristina Evanoff & Barbara Fraser
- Oregon Outreach and Broadband Strategic Planning Project - Chris Tamarin
- Key Industries - Gary Van Huffel
- Global Strategies - Ivo Trummer
- 10 year State Budget Process - Lisa Ansell
  
- Federal Reserve Bank Model – J.D. Williams
- Key Workforce Challenges – Nick Beleiciks
- Arts & Cultural Trust Programs – Brian Wagner
- Tax Working Group Update – Bruce Zimmerman