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*Major Areas:*

The Oregon Employment Department is responsible for administering the: public labor exchange (WorkSource Oregon offices and online job seeking and employer services); Unemployment Insurance program; Child Care licensing; and, Workforce Research.

The Government-to-Government Executive Order provided the framework to work with tribes. We work primarily with tribal employers as a resource for assistance with job recruitments and local labor market information.

*Departmental Statement:*

OED values its relationship with Oregon's tribes. The Department administers four employment-related programs: Unemployment Insurance; Business & Employment Services; Labor Market Information; and, Child Care Licensing. The purpose of the Tribal Relations policy is to formalize the relationship that exists between Oregon tribes and the Department.

Our primary key contacts identify the programs within the OED that affect the tribes; ensures that relevant communication occurs as needed; supervises the preparation of the annual report; and, ensures that all OED employees are aware of the Departmental policy and the provisions of ORS 182.162 to 182.168.

*Solutions and Programs:*

Economic Development Cluster meetings were attended by key contacts.

About half of the Employment Department's WorkSource Oregon offices throughout the state have some type of relationship with a tribe or tribes. These relationships range from recruitment

of employees for tribal businesses to working with tribes on local and regional workforce investment boards to informal networking to working with tribal employers Human Resource Departments in more formal partnerships. Additionally, tribal members sit on local Employer Councils; in one area tribal youth worked in a One Stop center.

The Employment Department's Workforce & Economic Research partners with tribal governments in a variety of ways. Tribal governments across Oregon are eligible sample participants in our Bureau of Labor Statistics data collection programs. In turn, there have been information requests by tribal governments regarding employment trends by industry and occupation. OED staff typically provides workforce and economic information to help with grants; to assist decision makers in prioritizing training resources; and demographic, commuting pattern and labor shed studies.

*Training:*

In 2007 the Department developed Administrative Rule Number: 30(1) "Tribal Relations". It is available to all staff via the OED intranet; we transmit it annually to staff in conjunction with a message from the agency Director or Deputy Director.

We look forward to continuing the positive relationships forged with Oregon's tribal governments and businesses.

Respectfully submitted,



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