



DEPARTMENT POLICY

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Subject Tribal Government to Government Relations		
Reference ORS 182.162 – 182.168, ORS 190.110 and Executive Order 96-30		
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Purpose

To establish, promote and maintain positive partnerships with the federally recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon and utilize our unique Government to Government relationship to identify and address issues relating to economic development and community services and arts and culture in Oregon.

Definitions

Tribe: A federally recognized Indian Tribe in Oregon as defined in ORS 182.162.

Policy

Business Oregon, will communicate and cooperate with Oregon's federally recognized tribes in development and implementation of all programs offered by this agency that affect Oregon Tribes. The Director and Contract Manager/Tribal Liaison are designated as key agency contacts with the tribal governments. The Contract Manager/Tribal Liaison will participate at an appropriate level in the Economic Development and Community Services Cluster meetings to ensure there is appropriate communications with the tribes.

The Contract Manager/Tribal Liaison serves to work with and maintain good relations with the tribes by providing the following support and services:

- Communicate and partner with the Tribes in a manner that fosters an environment of mutual respect;
- Develop and maintain partnering relationships between tribal governments and Business Oregon staff;
- Collaborate and participate in opportunities to enhance economic development and community services projects and initiatives through Business Oregon staff;
- Ensure OBDD staff understands tribal sovereignty and the legal status of Oregon Tribes through training;
- Encourage appreciation and preservation of Tribal culture through support from the Oregon Arts Commission's programs; and
- Support Tribal cultural planning and other cultural endeavors through the Oregon Cultural Trust's Cultural Participation Grant Program.

The Contract Manager/Tribal liaison will work with assistant directors and program managers to identify employees who have communication with Oregon tribes and coordinate appropriate training on government-to-government relations on the tribes' sovereign status, tribal members' rights, and other issues of concern.

Business Oregon representatives will consider impacts on Oregon tribal governments when developing programs and rules, and will consult with tribal representatives to discuss issues as appropriate.

The Contract Manager/Tribal Liaison will also prepare the department's annual Government to Government report to the Governor and the Commission on Indian Services as outlined in ORS 182.166(3). The manager will work with the assistant directors, program managers, and staff to identify circumstances in which divisions have provided services or technical assistance to Oregon tribes or efforts were made to promote communications with the tribes.