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Special Feature

GREAT FALLS
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A year after summit, Indians report progress in governmental dealings

By Ledyard King, October 31, 2010

EXCERPT:

WASHINGTON — Nearly a year after President Barack Obama convened an Native American summit and instructed federal agencies to start collaborating with tribes on programs and policies, Native American leaders in Montana and elsewhere say they have begun to see a dramatic shift in attitude from a government that ignored or took advantage of them for decades.

Issues such as health care, law enforcement and water rights — long held up by tribal leaders as shameful examples of federal neglect or obstruction — are being addressed with meaningful participation of Native Americans, they said.

"In all of these areas, tribal leaders across the country are not only being more engaged, but they're more informed," said Jefferson Keel, a member of the Chickasaw

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS THE TRIBAL LAW & ORDER ACT



President Obama recently signed the Tribal Law and Order Act, an important step to help the federal government better address the unique public safety challenges that confront tribal communities.

Read President Obama's statement on the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act [here](#).

[Click here](#) to read President Obama's remarks before the signing of the Tribal Law and Order Act.

Council on Women and Girls [blog post](#) calls the Tribal Law and Order Act "A Step Forward for Native Women"

POLICY CORNER

2010 White House Tribal Nations Conference Progress Report [read report](#)

Nation in Oklahoma and president of the National Congress of American Indians. "There is actually dialogue back and forth. It's constructive and it's productive."

That dialogue, fostered by a president who eagerly sought out the Native American vote in 2008, helped ensure that programs specifically tailored for Native Americans were included in the sweeping health care reform bill Congress passed in March. It helped propel final passage in July of a long-awaited Tribal Law and Order Act that will expand tribal authority and federal assistance on reservations wracked by crime. And it helped push the administration to settle an 11-year-old class-action lawsuit, known as the Keepseagle case, in October, so that thousands of Native American farmers and ranchers who were improperly denied access to government aid for years can begin filing for federal compensation.

[Click here](#) to read full article.

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EDA Promotes Economic Development for Native Americans

EDA has invested nearly \$17 million in 132 projects over the last two years to create jobs and increase economic opportunity for Native American communities.

EDA Invests in Mitchell Technical Institute of Mitchell, South Dakota to Boost Wind Power Training Opportunities - Training Expands Access to Native American Students

EDA has invested \$1.167 million in the Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI) of Mitchell, S.D., to acquire a wind turbine to train and certify wind technicians through the Institute's Wind Technology Training program. The project creates a new wind partnership model that will benefit from economies of scale, private industry expertise, and unique Tribal education relationships.

The training program will enroll 50 MTI students each year, including an average of 10 Native American students being trained at Sinte Gleska University in Mission, S.D. The training facility will be co-located with a 108-unit wind farm being built by Basin Electric. This grant is funded under EDA's Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund, which aims to strengthen the connection between economic development and environmental quality by supporting projects that advance a green economy in distressed communities.

EDA Invests to Help Establish Incubator and Data Center for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians in Roseburg, Oregon

Announces New Tribal Advisory Committee [read press release](#)

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs has allocated \$500 million under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to advance economic opportunity and job growth for Native Americans. [Bureau of Indian Affairs project list](#)



EDA Congratulates 2010 Winners of Innovation in Economic Development Awards

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CONNECT, La Jolla, Calif.

Innovation in Regional Innovation Clusters (RICs)

Bluegrass Business Development Partnership, Lexington, Ky.

Innovation in Commercialization

Pennsylvania Center for Trade Development "Envoy Program," Harrisburg, Pa.

Innovation in Global Export Promotion

University of Arizona Tech Park's "Solar Zone," Tucson, Ariz.

Innovation in Green Technology

A \$2.75 million EDA grant to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians of Roseburg, Ore., will help to renovate an existing building for use as the Roseburg Incubator and Data Center. The facility will provide the work space and technical assistance needed to foster development of new business ventures and will include a secure data server area that will help local businesses meet their data storage needs. The project is expected to create 165 jobs and generate \$60,000 in private investment, according to the Tribe.

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Choctaw, Mississippi Receive EDA Assistance to Establish High-tech Manufacturing Facility

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Choctaw, Miss., received a \$1.1 million EDA grant to upgrade an industrial facility in the Choctaw TechParc for use by high-tech manufacturers. The project is expected to create 220 jobs and generate \$1.9 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

Revival of Santo Domingo Trading Post Brings Tourists and Jobs to Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico

The Santo Domingo Tribe of Santo Domingo Pueblo, N.M., received a \$1 million EDA grant to design, reconstruct, and rehabilitate the Santo Domingo Trading Post. The Trading Post will increase retail opportunities for Santo Domingo Native American artists who produce world-renowned pottery, jewelry, and other artisan goods and capitalize on the region's competitive strengths, particularly the tourism potential with the New Mexico Rail Runner Express commuter train and new Santo Domingo stop. The project is expected to create 30 jobs, according to grantee estimates.

Lummi Nation Business Incubator Facility Spurs Entrepreneurship, Boosts Tourism Sector

The Gateway Center business incubator facility in Ferndale was established with a \$1.6 million EDA grant to the Lummi Nation of Bellingham, Wash. The Gateway Center strengthens the regions tourism sector by providing entrepreneurial support and a centrally-located location for local businesses and members of the Lummi Nation to sell their goods. The project is expected to create 200 jobs and generate \$4 million in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

EDA & ITA Host U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission



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The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and International Trade Administration's (ITA) Commercial Service have announced a U.S. Clean Technology Trade & Investment Mission from November 29 – December 4, 2010, to begin in Lyon,

Upcoming Events



EDA Commemorates Native American Heritage Month

November 7-9, 2010

[UEDA 2010 Summit](#)
Reno, Nevada

November 15-17, 2010

EDA's [Chicago and Denver Regional Offices Conference](#)
St. Louis, Missouri

November 29-December 4, 2010

EDA/ITA [Cleantech Trade Mission](#),
France and Belgium

December 8-9, 2010

EDA [Seattle Regional Office Conference](#)
Los Angeles,
California

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France at Pollutec, a tradeshow that features the world's leading international exhibit for the environment and sustainable development markets. The trip will conclude in Brussels, Belgium where U.S. companies and communities will participate in a U.S. Embassy reception, NATO cleantech roundtable, and other networking opportunities. The mission will bring together a mix of U.S. community delegates and businesses within their regions to catalyze the process of connecting U.S. communities with opportunities to increase exports and attract foreign direct investment (FDI), with a particular emphasis on advancing the green economy and creating jobs in the United States.

EXTRA EXTRA...

INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY

Indian Country Today

Meskwaki Nation looks to wind power for the future
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Area Development/Online (Natl)

U.S. Economic Development Administration Offers Oregon's Portland State University Research Grant. [Read article.](#)



The Mitchell Republic, Mitchell, South Dakota

MTI receives \$1.167 million grant to purchase wind turbine. [Read article.](#)



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PA Export Program Recognized as One of Nation's Best by U.S. Government.
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