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The Interior Department has estimated that, with the addition of the Spokane Tribe, over \$100 million will have been integrated under tribal 477 programs in Fiscal Year 2006.

Since it was established in 1994, the 477 Demonstration Initiative has enabled approximately 240 tribes to use Federal funds more effectively to educate and train an estimated 44,000 children, youth and adults. The program has been highly rated under the Office of Management and Budget's Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) for meeting Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) standards for accountability and efficiency.

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development was established to provide high-level support for the Department's goal of serving communities by providing access to energy resources and by stimulating job creation and economic development. The Office assists economic development on Indian lands by identifying economic opportunities, assisting development of workforce capacity, providing low cost loans for business development and facilitating partnerships between tribes and the Federal or private sector. The Office also supports the President's National Energy Policy by fostering development of domestic energy resources to reduce this country's dependence on foreign energy sources.

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