Agenda
Tribal/Interior Budget Council
Budget Subcommittee
November 4, 2020
Virtual
3:30 – 6:00 p.m. EST

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Outline of Discussion Topics

- **COVID-19 Update** – An open forum for tribal leaders to discuss items related to COVID-19 and COVID-19 funding with federal partners.

- **Exception Apportionment under a CR** – The current Continuing Resolution (CR) is set to expire on December 11, 2020. Exception Apportionment could help insulate tribal governments from the effects of stopgap funding and Congressional impasse.

- **2023 Priority Ranking Tool** – During the creation of the TIBC 2022 Tribal Budget Submission, tribal leaders identified education programs that were not on the ranking tool, but that were a recurring priority to TIBC members. This update will discuss potential changes to the ranking tool and what should be done if any changes are adopted.

- **26 IAM 3 – Distribution of Resources** – The Indian Affairs Manual (IAM) for distribution of resources (26 IAM 3 – Distribution of Resources) has been finalized and signed. The IAM provides guidance to all Indian Affairs staff on fund distribution processes, including standard timelines for fund processing for direct appropriations to Indian Affairs for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) programs. The Manual establishes a consistent process throughout Indian Affairs for distributing funds to tribal nations. There is a link within the IAM that takes you to several attachments that show examples of various forms used in the distribution processes, flow charts of the overall processes, and templates for individual programs that describe the methodology and calculations used for all funding that is distributed to tribal nations. This effort was completed to ensure standard approaches at all levels within Indian Affairs that will lead to improved efficiency and timeliness in the distribution of funds to tribal nations. All offices and programs are expected to use the processes outlined and to strive towards meeting the timelines outlined within the IAM and templates.