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BREAKOUT SESSION 5:
DATA MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Ken Reinfeld (Policy Analyst of Office of Self-Governance) moderated and opened the session. He noted that the Data Management Subcommittee (DMS) was formed under the BIA Tribal Budget Advisory Council. The DMS and related issues have been worked on for quite some time. He emphasized the importance of tribes providing data in order to support:

1. Funding distribution
2. Program Management
3. Budget justification/formulation
4. Outcome measures (GPRA and PART)

The DMS is comprised of tribal leaders, technical staff and senior and program management at Indian Affairs.

W. Ron Allen (Chairman/CEO of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe) serves as the DMS Tribal Co-Chair. He noted concerns that are continually expressed by Office of Management & Budget (OMB) regarding the lack of adequate data to indicate how funds are spent and basis for increases. This will take some time to develop templates that will capture this information from tribes.

Sequoyah Simmermeyer (Counsel, Indian – Affairs) noted the commitment from Indian Affairs office to ensure adequate and high-level involvement of federal representatives. Majel Russell (Principal Deputy of Indian Affairs) serves as the DMS federal co-chair. The DMS charter outlines the tasks and scope of work. This work is closely related back to the Tribal Budget Advisory Council. Pam Norris (Governance Director, Shoalwater Bay) provided a brief summary from the last DMS meeting held in early April¹. Issues addressed include:

- Development of Tribal module for the ABCM system (centralized data system to support GPRA goals), including cost of system
- Establishment of a centralized data office

One tribal participant inquired as to whether there were other tribal systems that have been developed that could be utilized. Representative from Central Council (Tlingit-Haida) received funding for the development of a database to collect information. They have mapped their BIA programs. Also want to ensure that we eliminate duplicative requests (OST data needs, roads, etc.)

The tribes will also need to be involved in the development of the Department of Interior Strategic Plan (2010-2015) is the next cycle.

¹ See notes from the DMS meeting held on April 10-11, 2008 (attached)