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Self-Governance in 2016 - A Year to Celebrate



2016 marked another successful year of Self-Governance. The landscape of Self-Governance policy, regulations, and education changed as Tribal Nations, leaders, and partners worked collaboratively to advance many legislative, budget, and policy priorities. The next era of Self-Governance is expanding Tribal authority, building momentum for Tribal governance, and ultimately strengthen the tenants of Self-Governance.

Through key policy advancements such as Contract Support Costs (CSC) policies within the Department of the Interior (DOI) and Indian Health Service (IHS) and legislative advocacy to expand and implement Self-Governance within the Department of Transportation (DOT) Self-Governance Tribes were at the nexus of critical changes in Indian Country.

Self-Governance Tribes, other Tribal partners, and Federal counterparts all celebrated on October 27, 2016 when IHS announced their updated finalized CSC Policy, which incorporated several provisions for which Tribes strongly advocated – including medical inflation for Direct CSC. Additionally, SGCE commented on and supported the development and passage of legislation in the House and the Senate specifically affecting Tribes including: the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015, Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act, and the Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2015.

SGCE actively tracks top Self-Governance legislation and more. We encourage you to keep up-to-date through the SGCE Priorities webpage and through SGCE email alerts and the Sovereign Nations newsletter.

In addition to its legislative and policy work, SGCE also conducted several meetings and trainings around the country. In 2016 alone, SGCE partnered with IHS and DOI to conduct four trainings from Alaska to the Great Plains with over 200 total attendees. SGCE also conducted three quarterly Advisory Committee meetings with over 150 attendees and the 2016 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference in Orlando, Florida with more than 700 people in attendance.

As this year comes to a close SGCE would like to thank all those partners who continue to support our work on behalf of Self-Governance Tribes across the country. We look forward to working with you to advance our common priorities in the new year.

DOT Self-Governance Negotiated Rulemaking Continues



Negotiated Rulemaking Committee began meeting in August 2016 and has not slowed since. The Committee meets monthly working to develop programmatic and administrative regulations to assist DOT in the first expansion of Self-Governance since the permanent reauthorization of Self-Governance at Indian Health Service in 2000.

After a delayed start, the Department of Transportation (DOT) Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program

“The Committee is working diligently to finish writing the proposed regulation in anticipation of finalizing the regulation by June 2018,” reported Committee Tribal Co-Chair, Chief Kay Rhoads, Sac and Fox Nation.

Chief Rhoads updated leadership at the recent Department of Interior (DOI) Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) that the Committee is on track to meet the deadline. Self-Governance Tribes should continue to monitor the Committee’s activity via their website and reach out to their regional representative for additional information. As always SGCE is following the rulemaking development closely and will share periodic updates as needed.

Save the Date - 2017 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference



Spokane Convention Center on the beautiful Spokane River.

Please bring your family and join Self-Governance Communication & Education, Indian Health Services/Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs for the 2017 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference which will be hosted in the beautiful city of Spokane, Washington, April 23-27, 2017, at the Spokane Convention Center. The Spokane Convention Center is located on the beautiful Spokane River which runs throughout the city and is conveniently located near the beautiful Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane.

An array of enjoyable outdoor activities surround the area including: ski resorts, white-water rafting, camping areas, hiking trails, lakes, and the Centennial trail. This year's theme “Progressive Partnerships: Investing in Tribal Nation Building” coincides with the introduction of new Federal Administration and will lend itself to enhancing this year's conference which will be one loaded with numerous information opportunities and time to meet with federal partners to advance the partnerships we have built over the span of past administrations.

For more information please contact Tami Snow, Events Coordinator at tamis@tribalselfgov.org. We look forward to seeing you in Spokane!