

OSG Annual Report

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this information being requested?

The information is requested on a statutory basis (Section 405 of Pub. L. 93 -638, as amended) as well as implementing regulations contained in 25 CFR § § 1000.380 to 382.

What may the Tribe's/Consortium's annual report on self-governance address?

25 CFR § 1000.382:

(a) *The Tribe's/Consortium's annual self-governance report may address:*

- (1) *A list of unmet Tribal needs in order of priority;*
- (2) *The approved, year-end Tribal budget for the programs and services funded under self-governance, summarized and annotated as the Tribe may deem appropriate;*
- (3) *Identification of any reallocation of trust programs;*
- (4) *Program and service delivery highlights, which may include a narrative of specific program redesign or other accomplishments or benefits attributed to self-governance; and*
- (5) *At the Tribe's/Consortium's option, a summary of the highlights of the report referred to in paragraph (a)(2) of this section and other pertinent information the Tribes may wish to report.*

(b) *The report submitted under this section is intended to provide the Department with information necessary to meet its Congressional reporting responsibilities and to fulfill its responsibility as an advocate for self-governance. The Tribal reporting requirement is not intended to be burdensome, and Tribes are encouraged to design and present the report in a brief and concise manner.*

Who developed the Minimum Data Collection Form?

A Work Group of Self-Governance Tribes developed a form (Minimum Data Collection Form) to facilitate the collection and submission of data by Self-Governance Tribes. Years ago this form was modified with the recommendation of the DOI Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee. The form has remained unchanged and has been requested by OSG on an annual basis thereafter.

Historically, the number of tribes that submit the form, brochures or tribal information in any form is very low (FY2012- 25 tribes reported; FY2013- 15 tribes reported; FY2014- 27 tribes reported; FY2015- 24 tribes reported).

How will the submitted tribal data be used?

Historically, the tribal data has not been aggregated nor changed in any way. Whatever documents the tribe chooses to submit is attached verbatim. However, a very small number of tribes have submitted data in recent years. OSG is exploring

means to collect and aggregate the Minimum Data electronically for future years and will work with SGAC in the development of any updates.

Can we obtain a recent OSG Annual Report?

The FY 2011 OSG Annual Report is available to tribes. It is posted at the OSG Website at <http://64.58.34.34> (under Headline News) and will be provided to SGCE (<http://tribalseg.org>). Again, any tribal information submitted was attached to the submitted report verbatim.

It was discovered a few years ago that the reports compiled by OSG and submitted to Congress by the Department of Interior over a twenty year period had not been cleared nor approved by OMB. In 2012, OMB strongly suggested that the Self Governance Annual Report requirement in the law be repealed. During this period of time completed FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY 2014 drafts did not circulate for surname. The FY 2015 draft (due January 1, 2017) will be forwarded through the surname process for the new Administration. The FY 2016 Report (due January 1, 2018) is currently being drafted and tribal information being requested.

Can we use information provided during the recent budget formulation?

Some tribal staff have asked, “Why not use information provided during the recent budget formulation as many of the requests in that survey are similar to those in the OSG form.” The Minimum Data Form request is for FY2016 historical data. The “FY19 Formulation Tribal Survey” was utilized for the FY2019 budget development. However, a tribe may utilize the “FY19 Formulation Tribal Survey” to submit pertinent FY2016 information (such as success stories) should they wish to do so.