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DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee and Technical Workgroup Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 (8:30 am to 5:00 pm)
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 (8:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Embassy Suites Washington DC - DC Convention Center
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Meeting Summary

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 (8:30 am to 5:30 pm)
Meeting of the SGAC and Technical Workgroup Members

SGAC hosted a Tribal caucus at 8:30.

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM.

Governor David Yepa, Pueblo of Jemez provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call

<u>Alaska</u>	Robert Keith, Juneau Area, Alaska
<u>Eastern</u>	Richard Randolph, Vice Chairman, Proxy for Chairman Vanderhoop, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
<u>Eastern OK</u>	Karen Ketcher, Proxy for Chief Bill John Baker, Cherokee Nation
<u>Midwest</u>	Melanie Fourkiller, Proxy for Chief Gary Batton
<u>Northwest</u>	Annette Johnson, Treasurer, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
	W. Ron Allen, CEO/Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam
	Tyson Johnston, Vice President, Quinault Indian Nation
<u>Pacific</u>	Danny Jordan, Proxy for Chairman Jackson, Hoopa Valley Tribe
	Scott Sullivan, Secretary, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
<u>Rocky Mountain</u>	Beau Mitchell, Council Member, Chippewa Cree Tribe
<u>Southern Plains</u>	Rhonda Butcher, Proxy for Chairman Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
	Kay Rhoads, Chief, Sac & Fox Nation
<u>Southwest</u>	Clyde Romero, Proxy for Governor Sandoval, Taos Pueblo
	Chris Gomez, Lt. Governor, Ysleta Del Sur
<u>Western</u>	Karen Fierro, Proxy for Councilwoman Carlyle, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Welcome and Opening Remarks

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and Chairman, Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC)

Chairman Allen provided brief opening remarks and welcomed Federal participants to the SGAC meeting.

Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program (DOT TTSGP) Update

Principal Chief Kay Rhoads, Sac and Fox Nation, Tribal Co-Chair, DOT -TTSGP Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

Kenneth Martin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, DOT

Robert W. Sparrow, Jr., Director, Tribal Transportation Program, DOT

- Mr. Martin introduced himself and provided a brief review of the work he is doing with the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and across the Department as they work to implement the FAST Act and improve relations with Tribal Nations.
- Mr. Sparrow reviewed a powerpoint presentation that provided an update of the FAST Act and Neg Reg Committee.
 - Section 1121 of the FAST Act established a Self-Governance Program at DOT, with a simple eligibility requirement to demonstrate Financial and Program Management capacity.
 - DOT has translated that section 1121 is primarily meant to extend the Self-Governance program to formula funded programs.
 - The section also allows States to transfer funding to Tribes to execute Transportation programs, which was happening prior to the FAST Act, but this streamlines the process.
 - The Committee is working to meet the legislatively set deadline to finalize and publish a proposed rule by September of 2017, with a final rule in 2018
 - The Committee is made up of 18 Tribal Members with experience as Self-Determination/Self-Governance, Transportation, and Tribal Leadership, 7 Alternate Tribal Committee Members, and 7 Federal Members from DOT.
 - Kay Rhoads, Principal Chief for Sac & Fox Nation and Joe Garcia Head Councilman for Ohkay Owingeh are the Tribal co-chairs of the Committee.
 - The DOT meeting schedule for the next three months is set, but the location for the November meeting has changed to Minneapolis, MN.
 - The Committee should be able to share a product in January or March 2017 with SGAC and for initial Tribal comment.
- Tribal Discussion:
 - Where do we find information if we are not participating in the DOT Neg Reg Meetings?
 - You can find information on this website <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/ttsgp/>
 - Roads and infrastructure are very important to us. We are very excited about this opportunity and are encouraged by the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee's timeline.

Office of Self-Governance (OSG) Update

Sharee Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, DOI

- OSG has two new staff members in the Northwest Field Office to assist in Contract Support Costs (CSC) calculations.
 - Miles Reader, Financial Specialist
 - Emma Johnson, Financial Intern
- FY2016 Funding Distribution
 - During the final quarter of FY16 OSG received and processed approximately \$38 million to SG Tribes. The programs sending money were:
 - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
 - 80% WAG
 - ICWA
 - Tribal Justice Support
 - Tribal Courts
 - Climate Change
 - Transportation
 - Adult Comp.
 - CCDF (was not received until September 28th, funds were distributed on October 11th)
 - TANF
 - Distribution for FY17 Continuing resolution
 - ASAP reopened on October 3rd
 - FBMS reopened October 11th
 - CR funds the government from October 1st until December 9th and most of the funding that OSG has is going out to the last group of Tribes this week.
 - Contract Support Cost Update
 - In FY15 OSG paid \$97,420,139 in CSC to Self-Governance Tribes
 - In June of 2016, OSG had 17 overpayments for FY15 CSC (out of 269 Tribes) that totaled \$886,793 (.9%)
 - As of October 21, 2016, OSG has 8 overpayments for FY15 CSC which total \$324,969 (.3%)
 - Tiwahe/Social Services/ICWA Recurring Funding
 - CDA Claim Pending is pending for one Tribe
 - Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (AS-IA) sent a letter requesting Tribes to clarify their Social Services and ICWA FY14 Base Amount for future increases.
 - Deadline to provide document to ASIA was October 14th

Environmental Protection Agency

Jane Toshiko Nishida, Assistant Administrator, Office of International and Tribal Affairs, EPA
W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

- Ms. Nishida summarized the discussion from the last workgroup meeting and shared that the EPA employees worked internally to meet with EPA attorneys to discuss a pilot project.
- She also shared that EPA hosted a Tribal consultation/listening session in conjunction with White House Tribal Nations Conference in September. They heard during the meeting that Tribes are interested in pursuing the pilot project idea.
- Ms. Nishida explained that during internal meetings EPA identified a number of programs available that will allow Tribes to take over their own programs in lieu of the

EPA. For instance, EPA believes they could provide additional flexibility under the performance partnership grants (PPG) program to consolidate grants programs for Tribes.

- Using the current regulatory framework allows EPA to maintain consistency with existing prescriptive directives from Congress to administer programs.
- Tribal Discussion:
 - Tribes want to tee up this issue for the next administration so we can move quickly early.
 - This proposal doesn't really solve the problem where Self-Governance Tribes want to reallocate resources. How much discretion do programs actually have?
 - This proposal doesn't really follow the spirit of SG.
 - Creating flexibility in the current framework will only work if the national program office provides assistance to regional program offices at the same time.
 - Initially, in 1988 we went to Appropriations Committees to provide language that allows Tribal Pilot Projects. Would the administration be supportive of similar language in the EPA Appropriations?
 - EPA thinks they have flexibility under GAP program and Performance Partnership Grant agreement to achieve some SG like program.
 - Tribes recommend that EPA develop a paper to describe what flexibility already exists and how this proposal will work so that Tribes can respond to the proposal.
 - Will other programs outside the PPG model be eligible for this type of agreement?
 - The Office of International and Tribal Affairs needs to talk more with EPA program offices about how to incorporate non-PPG programs.
 - There is a PPG best practices guide for Tribes. It does highlight that PPG is not being used to its fullest potential, but may provide some ideas.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Update

Michael S. "Mike" Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, DOI

- At the beginning of his update, Mr. Black emphasized his continued commitment to Self-Governance Tribes along with other Tribes across the Nation.
- BIA is spending a lot of time gearing up for the transition with regard to rights-of-way and economic development opportunities. They are preparing documents and informational memos for the next administration to use.
- They are also preparing briefing documents for fee-to-trust, Indian Child Welfare Act Guidelines implementation, Tiwahe, and social services programs.
- As Tribes discussed earlier, there has been an effort to identify additional social services and Tiwahe funding that is due to Tribes for FY2016 and FY2017.
- Tribal Discussion:
 - SGAC Members continued to express interest in BIA's plans to consolidate data management through the Tribal Data Exchange or some other mechanism. Doing so may have alleviated the need to do a data call and prevented Tribes from missing an increase in funding.
 - How can Tribes work with BIA to establish Tribal priorities for the transition?
 - Response: BIA has set Fee-to-Trust and Land Buy Back as some priorities to wrap up prior to transition.
 - That is great, but unfortunately there is no new money to support the land assumptions made during this administration.
 - Tribes need BIA to allow more flexibility for the use of this funding and Tribes need additional resources to leverage the use of those lands.

- Why and how did BIA decide the land buy-back program would not purchase “in production” land?
 - Response: Restricted fee is another issue in Oklahoma, but they are moving forward and are now able to purchase restricted land through a simplified environmental review processes.
- Tribes do not feel that mineral rights should not affect their ability to purchase land.
- Oklahoma Tribes have been pushed to the bottom of the list for acceptance because of issues with mineral rights and now the funding will likely be expended before Tribes in Oklahoma can take advantage of the program.
- BIA is planning to continue many of the internship opportunities established under this administration. Please make sure your students apply to the programs so the next group of BIA employees are from Tribal communities.
- Tribal discussion:
 - Public safety remains a serious concern. Anything that can be done to improve the services, especially in Alaska, would be greatly appreciated.
 - Response: Darren Cruzan will make a presentation at TIBC and will be available for the January meeting to share some of the efforts BIA is making to expand public safety services.
 - One issue BIA is trying to work through is retention of staff. The Bureau has problems keeping safety officers because of delays in background checks, etc. Also, incumbents often finish training through the BIA and quickly move to another police force because they can start work sooner, in addition to other factors like salary and benefits.

SGAC recessed for Lunch

Office of Special Trustee (OST) /BIA Trust Services

Debra DuMontier, Principal Deputy Special Trustee, OST, DOI

Jeremy Rogers, Supervisory Project Manager, Office of Program Management, OST, DOI

- Mr. Rogers shared a powerpoint on OST’s Proposal to Self-Certify Tribal Trust Audits
 - OST developed a methodology to conduct and self-certify trust audits
 - Nine Tribes and consortia committed to pilot the web-based application tool and provide feedback
 - In May 2014, OST created a workgroup comprised of the following Tribes to develop the initial tool and provide additional guidance to OST:
 - Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
 - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
 - Muscogee (Creek) Nation
 - Six other Tribes were added to the workgroup to continue development and testing.
 - The new wireframe creates a self-certification process to allow Tribes to conduct and certify the audit. As the wireframe currently exists a Tribal leader is the ultimate signor and approver of the self-audit, but the Tribe will be able to identify who in the organization has the responsibility to certify the final audit.
 - OST auditors will conduct a preliminary review of the materials uploaded by the Tribe and finalize an electronic review within thirty days.
 - OST will still assess Tribal trust transactions during its audit review.

- Tribal Discussion
 - Will there be additional funding to train Tribal staff on the self-certification process?
 - OST is currently evaluating whether funding will be available, but is preparing to do online training for Tribal staff.
- Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA) Update on Report to Congress
 - OST has published a proposed rule for minimum standards for appraisers. The comments on minimum standards are due November 21st.
 - Comments regarding the Under Secretary and implementation of Title III have been received and will be consolidated for Tribal review.
 - Tribal discussion:
 - Does DOI intend to fulfill the Under Secretary position proposed in the legislation?
 - There's no intent to fulfill the position prior to the administration change.

Congressional Staffers Legislative Update on S. 286, Title IV Amendments

Mike Andrews, SCIA Majority Staff Director & Chief Counsel

- Mr. Andrews and John Simermeyer provided an overview of Senate action and an update of possible opportunities in the lame duck session to move Tribal legislative priorities.
- Many Tribal priorities are waiting action in the House.
 - Tribes were to encourage Congressional members to support passage of Title IV in the House.
 - Public Law 477 improvements are also waiting for further House action, but look less likely to move forward because several committees have asserted jurisdiction and no hearings have been scheduled to review the legislation.
 - Staffers explained that it's likely the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 will pass because of significant support from Tribes and Congressional Members.
 - It's also probable that the Tribal energy Bill will have a chance to move forward.
- Tribes explained they may come to the Senate for support of the Self-Governance EPA Pilot Project through the appropriations process.

Budget Update

George Bearpaw, Director, Office of Budget Management, Indian Affairs

- There has not been much movement on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Budget Request. The details of the request are no longer up for discussion because it has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.
- The FY 2017 Budget fixed some of the miscalculations in Tiwahe funding and funding has been apportioned for October 1st- December 9th.
- The Department is working to improve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget formulation process from the last round of budget formulation.
 - The Tribal Interior Budget Committee (TIBC) has been working on a system to determine unmet need.
 - DOI will send out instructions for a test process tomorrow to the different regions.
 - There is a formula included in the instruction that will be included in the budget formulation process.
 - The Department is planning to use metrics similar to those used by other offices as a base to build the budget.

- Mr. Bearpaw encouraged Self-Governance Tribes to work with regions so that Self-Governance budget priorities are included in the discussion at TIBC.
- Tribal Discussion:
 - Since our next meeting is in January, how will Tribes be involved in the transition and planned budget request in February?
 - There's no way to predict what will happen, but Tribes need to be involved in the transition planning for both campaigns.

Annette Johnson, Treasurer, Red Lake Band of Ojibwe

- Treasurer Johnson provided an update from TIBC that was prepared by Dave Conner.
- Some FY 2017 request highlights included that most tribal programs are funded at the 2016 levels plus:
 - \$12.3 million increase for Social Services (Tiwahe)
 - \$3.4 million increase for ICWA (Tiwahe)
 - \$2.6 million increase for Courts (Tiwahe)
 - \$1.7 million increase for Housing (Tiwahe)
 - \$1 million increase for Job Placement (Tiwahe)
 - \$23.8 million increase for Natural Resources (RPI, Water, Climate, Fish & Wildlife)
 - \$8.7 million increase for Real Estate Services
 - \$6.8 million increase for Scholarships
 - \$3.6 million increase for JOM
 - \$60 million increase for BIE Elementary/Secondary/Post Secondary/Facilities programs
- Both the House and Senate have marked up their versions of the FY 2017 Interior bill.
 - The House increase was \$72.3 million (2.6%), and the Senate increase was \$58.5 million (2.1%). Although there were differences between the House and Senate, there was support for some increases to tribal programs including the Tiwahe Initiative, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Tribal Government, and to BIE.
 - For instance, both bodies increased Road Maintenance by \$3 million (the Administration didn't ask for it), both provided increases of \$3-\$5 million for more police on the ground (the Administration didn't ask for it), and both continued the \$10 million for Tribal Justice Support court projects (including tribes subject to P.L. 83-280).
 - Unfortunately, only the House provided the requested increase for Scholarships, and both bodies rejected the requested increase for JOM.
- The current Continuing Resolution funds the government through December 9th. Of course, the outcome of the Presidential and Congressional elections will play a major role in how and when FY 2017 appropriations will be finalized.
- Tribal Discussion:
 - Mr. Bearpaw, we appreciate your support and hard work on the Contract Support Cost (CSC) Policy update process.
 - We would like to hear information regarding the payment process improvement recommendations.
 - Some Tribes have already worked with regions on the FY 2019 budget formulation process. However, the FY 2019 unmet need process is not adequate to capture the issues. The notification about the process has not been sufficient.
 - Were Self-Governance Tribes included in the payment process improvement planning and the report provided by the Mohawk consulting group?
 - DOI is establishing an internal workgroup to make improvements.

- This workgroup will look at the regions in addition to Headquarter payment processing.
- Strategic Plan
 - The draft will come out early next year. The final is due to the Department in February of 2018
 - DOI will be engaged in the process and provide consultation opportunities to Tribes.

Legislative/Regulatory Recap

Caroline Mayhew, Associate, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP

- There is a .49% rescission on FY 2017 apportionments to agencies and departments. These were passed on to Tribes.
- Land-into-Trust
 - There's has not been any movement on any of the Senate or House bills since July 2016.
 - S2656 also seems unlikely to move
- Tribal Law & Order Act
 - If it is not reauthorized, can it be maintained by appropriations? Yes.
 - Hoopa's request for PL 280 reassumption has not been approved yet.
- Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act
 - We're waiting to see what happens in the elections, but there is likely opportunity to move this forward in the lame duck session.
- 477
 - The Ways & Means and Judicial committees have asserted jurisdiction and raised serious concerns regarding the legislation.
 - It's unlikely this bill will move forward, because there is not enough time to incorporate changes and get the Senate to weigh again.

Matt Jaffe, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP

- There's so little time left in this session to accomplish all of the Tribal legislative priorities, but a few of them are more likely than others.
- If Hillary Clinton wins and the Senate flips, she has stated her desire to include a stimulus bill for infrastructure which should include Tribal programs and opportunities.

Land Buy Back Program Office of the Secretary – DOI

John McClanahan, Program Manager, Land-Buy-Back Program, OS, DOI

- Mr. McClanahan provided an update regard the Land Buy Back Program.
- The program has entered into agreements with thirty-eight Tribes.
- The Program just sent out offers for about \$22 million at Turtle Mountain Chippewa.
- They spent about \$900 million in total to land owners across the Country.
- The current schedule is aggressive, but spend down of funding has been considered.
- Tribal discussion:
 - Is it too late for Tribes to sign up?
 - The office will reevaluate the program in 2018 to add additional locations.

Preparation of Issues to Discuss with Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

- Tribes reviewed issues from day one to include in discussion with Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs at the beginning of day two.

Adjourn for the Day

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 (8:30 am to 1:00 pm)

**Meeting of the SGAC and Technical Workgroup with Office of the Assistant Secretary –
Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior
(Only Members of the SGAC and Proxies to be seated at the table)**

Welcome & Introductions

SGAC Committee Business

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and Chairman, Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC)

- Approval of Meeting Minutes (July 2016)
MOTION
Citizen Potawatomi Nation made a motion to approve the minutes without changes.
Taos Pueblo seconded the motion
The motion was approved without discussion.

- SGAC Chair and Vice Chair
MOTION
Quinault Indian Nation made a motion to approve W. Ron Allen, Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam, and Shawn Duran, Taos Pueblo as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.
Chippewa Cree Tribe seconded the motion.
The motion was approved without discussion.

- DOT Neg Reg SG Representative
 - Clyde Romero of Taos Pueblo volunteered to represent SGAC on the Neg Reg Committee. The Technical Workgroup agreed to draft a letter to send to DOT.

Self-Governance Transition Plan

SGAC and Technical Workgroup

- Does Donald Trump have an Indian representative?
 - Leland McGhee has been working with the Trump Campaign. Additionally, Ross Swimmer and Congressman Mullin is also advising the campaign on Indian policy.

- What priorities can SGAC set moving forward?
 - The priorities document needs to specify the last date it was updated.
 - EPA appointments should be included the final document.
 - We must retain the special advisor to the President.
 - Army Corps of Engineers recommendations should go beyond Consultation.
 - We should also recommend that a Tribal liaison be appointed.
 - There is a need to proactively engineer projects that will keep lands safe. However, they need funding and support to make sure these projects move forward.
 - HUD issues. We need to work collaboratively with HUD to fix some of the issues that will allow for greater flexibility.
 - The document should identify ways to include access to other Agency budgets using the OMB Crosscut as a guide. We should emphasis flexible contract opportunities with other Federal agencies.
 - Trust Responsibility at OMB does not require an advisory committee. However, it should include a regulatory section at OMB that has an Indian expert.

- There should be a legislative priority to make Self-Governance a vehicle to pass some of the OMB crosscut money to Tribes.
 - We should request administrative support for legislative proposals, such as 477, Title IV, and a Self-Governance 2.0 model.
- ITARA
 - The demonstration project in Title I should be moved forward towards implementation as soon as possible.
 - This one of the few more advanced level of Self-Governance that exists in any law right now and we need to capitalize soon.
- DOJ
 - PL 280 jurisdiction and working with Tribes to retrocede. Danny Jordan offered to draft language to include in the transition document.

SGAC Joint Discussion with Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and Chairman, Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC)

Lawrence (Larry) Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs – DOI

Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Ann Marie Bledsoe, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education

- Consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers and DOI on infrastructure are moving forward.
 - The Department hopes Tribal leadership will remain engaged in the discussions.
 - This is the first time DOI is doing multi-department Tribal consultations.
 - These are meant to establish ongoing conversations for the next administration.
 - One thing the department has heard is that the Army Corps of Engineers need to change/update Appendix C for Historic Preservation.
 - SGAC will explore this issue and provide written recommendations.
- DOI Secretarial order on Co-Management
 - The DOI Secretary signed an order to instruct agencies to coordinate with Tribes to manage historically native lands.
- Fee-to-Trust in Alaska
 - Craig Tribal community is seeking to put land into Trust in Alaska.
 - If Tribes are interested application should be submitted to Bruce Loudermilk.
- ICWA Rule
 - Appreciation for the support and turn out at listening sessions.
 - State agencies are wanting to comply to the rule and are looking for ways to do that.
- Budget
 - A number of agencies within DOI are set to take cuts, but the President supported an increase for BIA.
 - We continue to seek your support for these increases and Congress to pass a full budget.
 - We are concerned about the rescissions and hope that the BIA works to make Tribes whole.
- Transition and President’s Budget Request
 - Departments and agencies will delay releasing budgets until after the new administration is in.
 - Tribes should continue to press on the budget to make sure Tribal priorities are included.
 - Reaching out to the transition team early will likely encourage better outcomes.

- Encourage a presidential visit early in the President's term.
- Funding Distribution
 - The delivery of Self-Governance funding is always untimely and we learned that there were not any concrete recommendations from the hired consultant meant to improve the payment process.
 - CSC funding needs to be delivered more quickly. It seems that the Department is holding up all the funding in an effort to have perfect accounting, which is not the intent of the old or new policy.
 - DOI Question: What is the lag time?
 - It ranges, but Tribes have not received funding from the CR yet.
 - OSG just received CR funding and plans to get it out in the next week.
 - AS-IA committed to write a letter documenting the improvements necessary for funding distribution for the next administration.
- New CSC Policy needs to be finalized.
 - DOI shared that there is unanimity among the Tribes and Department with exception to one issue around DCSC.
 - SGAC expressed that they are hearing differently – that there is more than one issue.
 - There are issues with Interior Business Center (IBC) timing and the ability to go outside IBC under the new policy.
 - IBC doesn't generate rates quickly enough.
 - We do not have agreement on an overpayment process.
 - Percent to use to calculate Direct Contract Support Costs.
 - DOI explained that there was a vote to pass the CSC Policy as written, with exception of DCSC issue.
 - This policy will be included in the Indian Manual.
 - DOI needs to have another meeting to work on the 15 or 18 percent issue.
 - There was a request to share additional justification for the percent change. SGAC agreed to send a letter to analytically support the 15% to 18% DCSC issue.
 - DOI plans to finalize the policy during this Administration
 - Tribes want IBC to be a partner in this process or there should be a process to leave them out.
 - AS-IA's office has been very engaged with IBC recently with regard to a single Tribe's instance and will continue to work with IBC.
 - The Office of Policy, Management, and Budget (PMB) will participate in the upcoming TIBC meeting to discuss its work with IBC.
- Land Buy Back
 - How is the Department preparing to move this agenda forward?
 - OST is doing its job to purchase land and the Congressional threshold but there is not enough money to solve fractionation in total.
 - The Department is working to determine what the next steps would look like and make recommendations to the administration.
- Support for Self-Governance
 - AS-IA requests that when there are specific concerns about support for Self-Governance that Tribes inform leadership.
- DOT Negotiation Rulemaking Committee
 - We want the spirit of Self-Governance and cooperation to extend between DOT and DOI. We request that AS-IA address a behavioral issue that happened at

the meeting in October. SGAC requested Mr. Roberts' work internally to ensure that DOI is supportive of Self-Governance expansion within DOT.

- Head Man Joe Garcia would be a great contact to learn more about some of the details regarding the incident at the DOT Neg Reg Operations Workgroup.
- EPA Self-Governance Expansion
 - DOI has many programs that support environmental programs and EPA is looking for greater flexibility within the PPG Program.
 - SGAC has been working with EPA to put together a pilot program that is similar to Self-Governance, however the Agency may need additional support.
 - SGAC agreed to provide additional information with AS-IA's office so that they can support the EPA Expansion effort.
- Office of Justice Service (OJS) allocation of \$10 million to improve public safety.
 - The information regarding the allocation is available on the OJS website. SGCE will distribute it to the Committee.
 - Recruitment and retention has been a challenge because of the background process. DOI has started to put people through training concurrently with the background check so that they can start right away.
 - There is a need to assist with greater training efforts for public safety officers.

Mr. Roberts' closed the session thanking Tribal leadership for their commitment and hard work with this administration to advance Tribal sovereignty.

Chairman Allen thanked the group and the Assistant Secretary for traveling back to DC for the SGAC meeting.

Adjourn for the SGAC Meeting