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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is seeking nominations for the ACF Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC). The purpose of the TAC is to strengthen the government-to-government relationships and guide the Assistant Secretary of ACF and the principals of the program offices in their administration of programs and services to benefit American Indian and Alaska Natives. Discussions held by the TAC do not take the place of tribal consultation, but serve to increase understanding between the federal government and tribes on the myriad programs administered by ACF.

Because ACF funds and administers a diverse array of grant programs and contracts to expand and enhance programs to improve the quality, availability, and range of children, youth, and family services in local communities, we are interested in achieving a balance of representation of tribal leaders with experience or interest in community services, domestic violence, child support enforcement, Head Start, child care, child welfare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and other ACF-related program areas for this committee.

ACF will arrange travel of the selected TAC members to attend TAC meetings in person. Please be advised that travel expenses are subject to the availability of funds.

Due to a recent reorganization of the TAC areas, we have 20 positions to fill. Attached is a description of the areas where we need representatives and the selection process for TAC membership as outlined in our updated TAC Charter. All nomination letters (including At-Large nominations) must be signed by a tribal leader in their capacity as a tribal leader. Please submit nominations by **February 3, 2017**, to:

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs
Administration for Native Americans
Administration for Children and Families
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For more information about the TAC, please visit the ACF Tribal webpage at:
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/initiatives-priorities/tribal>.

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We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Mark H. Greenberg
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Children and Families

Enclosure: ACF TAC Selection Process

Terms to serve January 2017—December 2019

Alaska Area: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Alaska

Albuquerque: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Colorado and New Mexico

Bemidji Area: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan

Billings Area: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Montana and Wyoming

Nashville Area: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia

National At-Large Members: primary and alternate terms ending in 2018

Terms to Serve (January 2017—December 2018)

Oklahoma Area: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas

Phoenix Area: primary and alternate representing federally recognized tribes in Arizona, Nevada, and Utah

National At-Large Members primary and alternate terms ending in 2018

Seeking alternates only for terms expiring December 2018:

Great Plains Area: representing federally recognized tribes in Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota

Portland Area: representing federally recognized tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

ACF TAC Selection Process:

The names of each ACF TAC delegate and alternate from each of 11 IHS areas are to be submitted to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) in an official letter from the Tribe.

The DAS/ANA Commissioner and the Assistant Secretary will be responsible for selecting and finalizing the body of members.

Regional Representatives:

Regional Representatives should be an elected official or designated representative that is qualified to represent the views of the Indian Tribes in the respective area for which they are being nominated. Nominations will be considered for selection in the priority order listed below. In the event that there is more than one nomination in the priority list, individuals whom had a letter of support from regional tribal organizations will be taken into consideration when selecting the primary and alternate delegates.

1. Tribal President/Chairperson, Governor, Chief
2. Tribal Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson, Lt. Governor, Sub-chief
3. Elected or Appointed Tribal Official
4. Designated Tribal Official

National At-Large Members

In order to achieve the broadest coverage of ACF-related national perspectives and views, the ACF TAC will include three positions for National At-Large Members (NALM). The NALM should be an elected official or designated representative that is qualified to represent the views of tribes on a national, collective perspective, including but not limited to such views of groups like National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Health Board, Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee, National Urban Indian Family Coalition, National Indian Child Welfare Association, and the National Indian Head Start Director's Association.

Nominations will be considered for selection in the priority order listed below. In the event that there is more than one nomination in the priority list, individuals whom had a letter of support from tribal organizations will be taken into consideration when selecting the primary and alternate delegates.

1. Tribal President/Chairperson/Governor
2. Tribal Vice-President/Vice-Chairperson/Lt. Governor
3. Elected or Appointed Tribal Official
4. Designated Tribal Official