How to contact a Federally non-Recognized Tribe in Your State – (11/12/2009)

At NRC's triennial National State Liaison Officers (SLO) meeting, August 2009, the SLOs requested the Intergovernmental Branch (ILB) staff assist them in identifying Federally non-recognized Tribal stakeholders within their States. Staff identified five websites that list Federally Non-Recognized Tribes by date:

- www.accessgenealogy.com/native/nofed.htm [2009];
- www.manataka.org/page237.html [6/18/08];
- www.kstrom.net/isk/maps/tribesnonrec.html [4/5/97]; and
- www.csulb.edu/~gcampus/libarts/am-indian/tribes/ [5/15/95];

ILB staff is also aware of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers that are members of the National Association of Tribal Preservation Officers (NATHPO) at http://www.nathpo.org/mainpage.html#top [10/9/09].

- Federally and State recognized tribes are found at: http://www.ncsl.org/?tabid=13278 [2007].

In addition, there is the Governors Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) that may assist you in locating State tribal offices. A brief description of the organization's mission posted on the GIIC website at http://w1.paulbunyan.net/~giic/ [7/31/05] is:

In 1993 the GIIC revised its Mission Statement to reflect its current goals of improving and promoting cooperation between the states and tribal governments.

- Promote and enhance government to government relations between the tribes and states
- Respect and recognize the individual sovereignty of the tribes and the states
- Support the preservation of traditional Indian culture, language and values
- Encourage socioeconomic development aimed at tribal self-sufficiency

A list of State Indian Affairs Offices may be found on the website at "Office Directory".

Finally, check on your State Government's website for this information.

Note: The website for Federally-recognized tribes by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, is located at: http://www.doi.gov/bia/docs/TribalLeadersDirectorySpring2009.pdf.

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