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LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBE
Native Nations in Wisconsin
STATEMENT

- All Tribal Communities and Governments are unique.
Native Tribes of Wisconsin

- Bad River
- Ho-Chunk
- Lac Courte Oreilles
- Lac du Flambeau
- Menominee
- Mole Lake
- Oneida
- Potawatomi
- Red Cliff
- St. Croix
- Stockbridge-Munsee
- Brothertown
SOVEREIGNTY

- Tribes have a Government-to-Government relationship with the Federal and State governments.
- Tribes are nation-states
- Tribes have specific legal and political rights defined by the Constitution, treaties, statutes, executive orders, and judicial decisions.
- Only Congress has overriding power over Indian affairs.
- Power of self government.
  - Form government
  - Regulate property
  - Maintain law and order
  - Regulate domestic relations
  - Regulate commerce and trade
GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

• Executive Order 13175
  Executive departments and agencies (agencies) are charged with engaging in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, and are responsible for strengthening the government-to-government relationship between the United States and Indian tribes.”

• State Tribal Relations Executive Order #39 and Order#18
  State Tribal Relations Initiative to affirm government to government status (DOA). This Office will ensure that all cabinet agencies adhere to the fundamental principles of the Order and act as a facilitator between state government and the Tribes of Wisconsin.
Wisconsin Department of Administration State Protocols

Government to Government Relationships

• No tribal leader speaks for all the Tribes in Wisconsin.

• Tribal members are not racial minorities. They are citizens of sovereign nations.

• Be prepared to follow through on your discussions.

• Do not rely on emails or letters as a form of communication.

• Follow up written correspondence with a phone call or visit.

• Not all Tribes are wealthy.
Identify Key Partners

- Recognize that each Tribe has key staff.
  - Planning Departments
  - Community Development Programs
  - Economic Development Corporations
  - Tribal Administration
BUILDING RELATIONSHIP

• Respect- for the Tribal Culture

• Relevance- is it relevant to the Tribe

• Reciprocity-long term relationship

• Responsibility-participation in decision making
QUESTIONS

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