



# Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs) Tribal Consultations

May 7, 2021



# Welcome

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# Agenda

- Questions to Address
- FY 2021 Joint Explanatory Statement
- Summary of Congressional Intent
- Potential Distribution Options
- Moving Forward

# Questions to Address

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- **What is an equitable methodology to distribute \$15M?**
- **What data driven criteria can be used to assess O&M needs?**



# Joint Explanatory Statement

*“The Committees recognize that many Tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) have significant **unfunded needs** and direct BIE and the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs (ASIA) to work with Tribal leaders and other stakeholders to **develop a consistent methodology for determining TCU operating and maintenance needs** to inform future budget requests. The Committees previously directed BIE to develop a methodology regarding TCU operating and facility needs. The Committees again direct BIE and ASIA to **assess TCU facility needs** and to **develop a distribution methodology** to address these needs.”*

# Summary of Congressional Intent

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## *The Joint Explanatory Statement indicates the Congress:*

- Recognizes the unfunded O&M needs of TCUs,
- Appropriates \$15M to address these needs,
- Requests a methodology to assess O&M needs at TCUs in order to determine an equitable process to distribute O&M funding to TCUs.

# Potential Distribution Options

*IA will distribute the \$15M across the TCUs*

*Potential Options for allocating funding:*

1) Divide funds evenly across all TCUs

2) A Split such 60/40 or 50/50; for example:

- 60% divided evenly across all TCUs and 40% could be based on the Indian Student Count (ISC)

3) Divide funds across all TCUs based solely on ISC

4) Use an O&M based formula



# Potential Distribution Options (cont.)

## *Considerations for Options 1 – 3*

### **Benefits of these options:**

- Data is easily assessable,
- Recorded regularly by the academic institutions,
- Publicly available.

### **Challenges with these options**

- Not indicative of facility conditions or operations and maintenance needs.





## Potential Distribution Options (cont.)

### *Considerations for Options 4 – Use an O&M formula*

What variables could an O&M formulation include?

- Square feet of academic space
- Number of buildings
- Age of facilities
- Indian Student Count
- Current O&M expenditures

Are there other data points to consider or a combination of the above?



# Moving *Forward*



- Your Questions?
- Your Thoughts?
- Your Ideas?

## Written Comments

Please submit your comments or questions by May 21, 2021 to: [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov)



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