



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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Via Email

Dear Tribal Leader:

As the Department of the Treasury's Point of Contact for Tribal Consultation, I invite you to attend a Tribal consultation on [Treasury's Strategic Plan](#). The consultation will be held **Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. This consultation was previously scheduled for August 1, 2022.

The *Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) Modernization Act of 2010* requires federal agencies to publish new strategic plans one year after each presidential inauguration. Treasury's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022 – 2026 (the "Plan") describes long-term goals the agency aims to achieve during this administration and serves as an internal guide for decision-making.

Treasury held consultation on November 30, 2021 to learn more from Tribal Nations about how they view Treasury's Strategic Plan, its goals, and how they would like to see themselves reflected in the Plan.

During consultation, Treasury clearly heard that generally accepted terms such as "underserved," "non-governmental partners", and "public" used in engaging the public when drafting the Plan do not reflect an appropriate understanding of the uniqueness of the status of Tribal governments and their relationship to the U.S. Government. Tribal governments also discussed the unique nature of their governments as sovereign nations separate and distinct from state and local governments. Several Tribal governments expressed that the Plan should reference explicitly the unique trust and treaty responsibilities and obligations between the United States and Tribal Nations (including Article VI of the U.S. Constitution). Tribal governments also made recommendations for how Treasury could foster closer relationships with Tribes that better meet Tribal economic development needs.

Treasury listened to these concerns and recommendations presented during consultation and took them into consideration when developing the Strategic Plan.

Treasury released the Plan to the public on March 28, 2022. You'll find that Treasury has included language that recognizes the unique status of Tribal nations in its engagement. You will also find information on outcomes and strategies for how Treasury will achieve these goals and objectives.

As mentioned during consultation, Treasury looks forward to engaging with Tribal governments on how the goals and objectives in the Plan affect your citizens and communities.

We respectfully request that each Tribal government register one primary leader or designee to provide comments. All others are welcome to register as listen-only participants. Please note that

each consultation can host 500 participants. **The deadline to submit written comments is December 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Alaska Time. Written comments should be sent to tribal.consult@treasury.gov.**

Consultations are off the record and not for press purposes.

[Register here](#) for the Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. session.

Specifically, we hope to receive your input on the following questions:

1. What feedback do you have about how Treasury's work with Tribal communities is reflected in the Strategic Plan?
2. Are there additional major objectives and activities between Treasury and Tribal communities that should be reflected in the Strategic Plan?
3. How can Treasury communicate progress in the Strategic Plan to Tribal communities?

If you have any questions, please email tribal.consult@treasury.gov. We look forward to hearing your feedback on this Plan and its implementation to ensure Tribal governments and communities are integrated into the work of our department.

Sincerely,

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