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To: Honorable Tribal Governors and Respective Tribal Programs

From: Latifah Phillips 
Assistant Secretary for Indian Education

Subject: NEW MEXICO INDIAN EDUCATION STRENGTHENING TRIBAL PROGRAM

The PED-Indian Education Division is issuing a Request for Application (RFA) to the New Mexico pueblo and tribal governments requesting applications from the New Mexico pueblo and tribal governments to continue the support of revitalization, maintenance and sustainability of native languages and support the strengthening of tribal education programs. The appropriation for fiscal year 2017 is \$30,000 to each of the 22 Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations.

In an effort to maximize the use of tribal grant funds, including consideration for equal and equitable distribution of grant amounts, the Indian Education Division continues its strengthening Tribal program initiative considering the following:

- To support current grant recipients with continued funding based on program effectiveness and measured outcomes in addressing language revitalization and maintenance.
- To support programs that are demonstrating progress and effectiveness in meeting the proposed scope of work, including the effective use of fiscal resources towards the revitalization, maintenance, and sustainability of native language(s).
- To challenge tribal education departments to match resources to develop, implement, monitor, evaluate, and strengthen capacity as a shared-effort in the revitalization, maintenance, and sustainability of native language(s).
- To define culturally-relevant strategies, methodologies, and evaluation methods that demonstrates increased language proficiency of native language(s).

- To match tribal government efforts that support native language development, revitalization, maintenance, and sustainability as authorized by their respective pueblo and tribal leadership.

An executed Intergovernmental Agreement will be issued upon review and approval of the program work plans and outcomes.

A pre-conference application workshop will be held at the April 13, 2016 – 2016 Indian Education Summit. Please refer to the summit agenda for further details and room location; to be held in Dulce, NM and April 19, 2016 – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Mabry Hall, NMPED 300 Don Gaspar Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501. The pre-application conference is required for all applicants' grantees. There will be discussion regarding different procedural methods for next year involving intergovernmental agreements between tribes/pueblos and NMPED.

The RFA is provided as an attachment to this memo and will be posted on the PED website at www.ped.state.nm.us. If you should have any questions, you may contact De Alva Calabaza at (505) 827-6679 or email at dealva.calabaza@state.nm.us.

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