

Tribal Budget Advisory Council
March 2009
Midwest Region Action Items

Motion that;

1. A copy of the current organizational structure for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs that clearly depicts ALL positions be provided.
2. A copy of the current organizational structure for the Office of Special Trustee (OST) that clearly depicts all positions be provided.
3. A detailed comprehensive funding table be provided to the TBAC for the BIA and the OST for FY 2008 and FY 2009 that display 1) the details of fixed costs including Federal Pay Act costs, tribal pay cost adjustments, teacher pay, federal health care benefits and other inflation costs; 2) the details in internal transfers including self-governance compacts, Consolidated Tribal Government Program transfers, and other changes; 3) program changes; and 4) Congressional changes.
4. Year-end reports from each of the 12 BIA regions be completed and provided that would display final allocations for FY 2007 and FY 2008, by program element and location.
5. A report be provided on plans to administratively withhold BIA funds from BIA Regional Offices, Agencies, BIA-operated schools and non-638 tribal programs in FY 2008 and FY 2009.
6. A FY 2007 and FY 2008 Year-End report for the Office of Special Trustee that would display final allocations by program and by location.
7. All organizational changes and staffing changes which have been made in the past year in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and the BIA should be describe in writing and explained to the TBAC, in particular special assistant positions in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and in the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development.
8. The BIA Central Office and the TBAC should develop a plan to return the administrative authorities, staff positions and funding to the BIA Regional Offices and the BIA Agencies that were centralized under the Departmental Manual order of April 2003.
9. Vacant BIA Regional Budget Officer positions should be filled as soon as possible and BIA Regional Budget Officers and Budget Analysts should be allowed to attend the TBAC meetings.
10. The reports described above should be posted in the BIA internet site and provided to the full TBAC on or before April 8, 2009.
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