Bureau of Indian Affairs
Southern Plains Regional Office

National Budget Meeting – FY 2017
Regional Demographics

- Total Agencies/Field Offices: 5
- Total Tribes: 24
- Total Reservations: 20
- Total Acres: 479,015.38
- Total Tribal Enrollment: 116,907
- Total Programs Funded: 41
- Total Employees: 225
ANADARKO AGENCY

TRIBES:
- KIOWA
- COMANCHE
- APACHE
- FT. SILL APACHE
- CADDYO
- DELAWARE
- WICHITA & AFFILIATED
  - SUPERINTENDENT:
CONCHO AGENCY

TRIBES:

- CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO
  - SUPERINTENDENT: BETTY TIPPICONNIC
PAWNEE AGENCY

TRIBES:
- KAW
- OTOE–MISSOURIA
- PAWNEE
- PONCA
- TONKAWA
  - SUPERINTENDENT: ROBIN BELLMARD
HORTON AGENCY

TRIBES:
- IOWA TRIBE OF KS & NE
- KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KS
- PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI
- SAC & FOX OF MO
  - SUPERINTENDENT: ANTOINETTE HOULE
TRIBES:
- ABSENTEE–SHAWNEE
- CITIZEN POTAWATOMI
- IOWA TRIBE OF OK
- KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OK
- SAC & FOX NATION OF OK
REGIONAL OFFICE

TRIBES:

- ALABAMA–COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TX
- KICKAPOO TRADITIONAL TRIBE OF TX
Budget Priorities

- Aid To Tribal Government
- Johnson O’Malley
- Real Estate Services – Regional Oversight
- CTGP
- Scholarships & Adult Education
Advancing Quality Communities for Indian Tribes & Tribal Nations

Promoting strong and stable tribal governments

Promoting Indian Self-Determination & Self-Governance:

Enhancing the abilities of Tribal Nations in the exercise of their authority as sovereign nations
Continuing Issues:

- Student count frozen in 1995;
- Indian student population continues to rise;
- Funding has not kept pace with increasing costs and student counts;
- In 1997 Indian students funded at approximately $85 each;
- Today, Indian students funded at approximately $66 each;
Lack of funding severely limits the program achieve its goals of providing:

- Adequate school supplies and equipment;
- Tutorial assistance to enhance skills and understanding of the core education elements;
- Incentive programs that challenge students to earn and maintain above average grade scores;
- Opportunities to participate in Native Leadership Conferences and other leadership activities;
Real Estate Services – Regional

- Mission & Services Provided:
  - Land acquisition (fee to trust);
  - Trust conveyances;
  - Surface and sub-surface leasing;
  - Rights protection;
  - Right-of-ways;
  - Technical assistance to the Regional Director, Agency Superintendents and Tribal Leaders;
Real Estate Services – Regional, continued

- Planning, organizing and developing the most economically feasible administrative practices and procedures for the execution of trust related programs and transactions;

- Need:

- Increases in Oil & Gas and Fee-to-Trust activities and recent updates of leasing regulations with stringent timelines increases the need for additional funding for training and staff to meet all requirements associated with the Realty Program
Real Estate Services – Regional, continued

- Benefits of increased funding:
- Will result in a minerals program that can keep pace with industry demands;
- Increase number of sales, leasing and development of trust minerals;
- Tribal and individual mineral owners will realize greater bonus and royalty income;
- Fee–to–Trust applications will be finalized quicker;
- More land will be brought into trust on behalf of tribes and individual Indians;
Consolidated Tribal Government Program

- Benefits:
  - Allows tribes to combine various contracted programs into a single agreement;
  - Simplifies contracting procedure;
  - Reduces administrative costs and reporting requirements;

- Issue: Due to no significant increases in funding, tribes are forced to supplement federal programs with tribal funds, creating shortfalls in other areas;
Many Tribes have no resources to support students beyond the undergraduate level;  
Even with federal assistance, students still have a huge unmet need;  
Rising tuition costs + more students applying for scholarships = Less $$ available per student;
Students are forced to take out student loans or drop out altogether;

Tribes cannot keep up with demand at present funding levels;
OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS

- CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS:
- All tribes agree that these costs should be fully funded;
- Underfunding puts tribes at a disadvantage and services are reduced due to shortfalls;
- Long term solution needed that will sustain full CSC in FY 2017 and beyond;
OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS, continued

- SEQUESTERED FUNDS:
  - Sequestered funds should be restored at the tribal level as a first priority;

- Requiring tribes to pay for the federal government’s shortfall by reducing funds and services to tribes is not an acceptable solution;
OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS, continued

- OMB should be required to be present at tribal budget meetings;
- Tribal funds should be considered mandatory, not discretionary;
- Tribes applying for federal funding allocated specifically for Native Americans (i.e. USDA), should be treated as sovereign nations and not have to deal with state officials.
2017 Funding Request

- TRIBAL GOVERNMENT: +$9,387,000
- JOHNSON O’MALLEY: +$7,845,000
- REAL ESTATE SERVICES: +$6,499,000
- CTGP: +$6,127,000
- SCHOLARSHIPS &
- ADULT EDUCATION: +$4,862,000
Thank you!