



Thursday, April 8, 2021

Re: Nation-to-Nation Consultation with the Institute of Museum and Library Services

Dear Tribal Leader,

I am writing to invite you to an upcoming virtual Tribal Consultation on **Monday, April 19, 2021**, to discuss President Biden's "[Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)."

In furtherance of that Memorandum, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will be developing a plan for implementing Executive Order 13175, "[Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments](#)," to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials in the development of federal policies that have Tribal implications. IMLS takes this responsibility seriously and supports the principles of Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. We will hold a virtual Consultation on Monday, April 19, 2021, to seek your recommendations and feedback on how we can improve our agency's policies and practices to better engage with Tribal governments.

IMLS is a federal agency that advances museum, library, and information services. We provide grant opportunities, including programs specifically for Indian Tribes. Please find attached a Framing Paper which includes background on our agency and a set of Guiding Questions to facilitate the Consultation. We welcome any agenda suggestions that you may have for the Consultation. In addition, if you would like to submit written comments, you may provide them by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, April 23, 2021. Please submit any agenda items or written comments to Brianna Ingram at bingram@imls.gov.

Logistics and Registration:

The Consultation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, April 19, 2021, via a Zoom meeting, which allows for video and/or telephone participation. **Please register** in advance for this meeting at [this Zoom link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting, including a call-in number if you are not using a computer.

If you desire reasonable accommodations to participate in the Consultation, please inform Brianna Ingram at bingram@imls.gov (or by telephone at (202) 653-4787) by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Proxy and Observers:

If you desire to send a proxy to attend the Consultation in your place, please copy the attached Consultation Proxy Letter Template form onto Tribal letterhead. This designation will authorize your designee, in writing, who will be attending in your place and the estimated time of your absence. Tribal leader positions may not be delegated in perpetuity. Please email the proxy to Brianna Ingram at bingram@imls.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. After submitting the proxy form, your designee will need to register at the Zoom link above.

You are welcome to bring program leadership and staff to the Consultation as observers/technical advisors. Please be sure any additional guests also register at the Zoom link above. Please be advised that there may also be representatives of Tribal library and museum organizations present as observers of the Consultation.

As an agency of the federal government, we hope to partner with you in addressing gaps in cultural, economic, education, information, job, and health resources, and work with you to learn how we can best support your needs. I hope that you will be able to join us for this important open discussion on April 19. I look forward to working with you and hearing your advice and counsel.

Sincerely,



Crosby Kemper
IMLS Director

Attachments:

Consultation Letter Proxy Template
Framing Paper