

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE
Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

Quarterly Report to the Oneida Business Committee

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Contract Support Costs (CSC) Claim and Future Funding Strategy

After discussion at the April 8 Oneida Business Committee Executive Meeting, a letter has been sent to the Bemidji Area Office (BAO) of the Indian Health Service (IHS) notifying them that the Oneida Tribe will entertain an offer to settle the Tribe's CSC claim of \$457,390 for the FY 2006 through FY 2010 period. There is no specific timeline for a settlement offer to be made by the IHS.

The first official Tribal Consultation Session of a long-term plan to address the shortfall in federal CSC funding will be held during the Spring 2014 Self-Governance Conference to be held in Arlington, VA the first week in May. Dr. Roubideaux, Director, IHS will attend this meeting and will attempt to attend "listening sessions" to be held in all 12 IHS Areas (dates and places TBD).

FY 2015 Budget

The President's Budget Proposal for FY 2015 has been submitted to Congress. This Budget proposes a 4.5% increase in funding for the IHS which includes an additional \$50M for "Purchased/Referred Care" (formerly Contract Health Services), \$30M to cover the anticipated shortfall in CSC, and an additional \$31M to address medical inflation costs. While the President's Budget Proposal is often a wish list, Congress has indicated support for these three areas of increased funding.

The Proposed Budget also includes an increase in funding for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) operations. The President is proposing a new "Tiwahe Initiative" which would integrate social services and job training programs to address the interrelated problems of poverty and child and family welfare. Economic development programs would also receive an increase in funding.

New DOI Funding System

Late in calendar year 2013 the federal government implemented a new “Financial and Business Management System (FBMS).” The implementation of this new system has not been without problems especially for federal contractors whose funding requires an inter-agency transfer. Most of the Tribal programs that receive funding in this way have had their funding transferred and it is available to them. One Tribal program – the Circle of Flight program – is still waiting for its funds.