

# Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

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SG Quarterly Report

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Authorized sponsor (choose one): Melinda Acostato, Vice-Chair

Requestor (if different from above): Christine Johns, SG Coordinator  
Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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# 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 March 10, 2015

Christopher Johns  
Self-Governance Coordinator

### FY 2015 Budget

Congress finally approved appropriations for FY 2015. While there were modest increases in some areas, the Tribe's share did not significantly increase. Congress once again failed to address the cost to tribes of the sequestration that recently occurred, and this failure means that all tribes continue to fall behind in their ability to keep pace with the rising costs of health care.

### President's FY 2016 Budget Request

Following are some of the more significant items contained in the President's Budget Request for FY 2016.

→ **Mandatory Contract Support Costs:** To stabilize long-term funding and address programmatic concerns with CSC, the 2016 budget also puts forth a proposal to reclassify these costs to mandatory funding beginning in fiscal year 2017. Beginning the reclassification in 2017 will allow time for tribal consultation in 2016 on operational details. The budget proposes to adjust the discretionary budget caps to reflect the reclassification. The current estimate for projected BIA program growth, above the discretionary cap amount, totals \$105 million for fiscal years 2017-2019 and would be treated as a PAYGO cost for the authorizing legislation. New CSC estimates will be provided on a three-year cycle as part of the reauthorization process. If enacted, mandatory funding for contract support costs will help stabilize this vital funding for tribes and further self-governance and self-determination efforts. Additionally, Indian Affairs will continue to work with and consult with tribes to strengthen administrative capacity and program management. The FY 2016 request also will fully fund contract support costs, based on the most recent BIA and IHS analyses.

→ **Significant Increases:** The budget proposes an overall increase of 12 percent for BIA over the FY 2015 enacted level, the largest increase in more than a decade

(excluding Recovery Act funding). The Indian Health Service would receive a nine percent increase.

→ **Public Safety:** The budget includes \$417.4 million for the Department of Justice (DOJ) public safety initiatives in Indian Country, which is a \$102 million increase compared to the FY 2015 DOJ enacted total for Indian Country.

→ The President's budget proposes \$4.0 million to establish a **"One-Stop Tribal Support Center"** to support Tribes in accessing hundreds of services across the Federal government.

→ The FY 2016 budget includes \$4.5 million to establish an **"Indian Energy Service Center"** to facilitate vital energy development in Indian Country.

→ In the BIA, a data initiative of \$12.0 million is proposed to establish an Office of Indian Affairs Policy, Program Evaluation, and Data which will help the Interior Department collect, analyze, and use evidence to support effective policy making and program implementation. The funds also will assist the Department in working with Tribes to improve Interior and BIA data quality and availability and will support efforts with the Census Bureau to identify and address data gaps in Indian Country.

→ The BIA budget builds on the **"Tiwahe (Family) Initiative"**: a comprehensive and integrated approach to address the inter-related problems of poverty, violence, and substance abuse faced by Indian communities. The FY16 budget would provide \$15 million to expand the Tiwahe Initiative, \$6 million more for Social Services, \$4 million more for law enforcement for alternatives to incarceration, and \$5 million more for aid to tribal family courts.

→ **"Generation Indigenous"** is an initiative in the budget to address Native youth issues. The Generation Indigenous, or "Gen-I", initiative takes a comprehensive approach to help improve the lives of and opportunities for Native youth. The initiative crosses multiple agencies, including the Departments of the Interior, Education (ED), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Health and Human Services (HHS), Agriculture (USDA), Labor (DOL) and Justice (DOJ). Increases include: (1) \$34.2 million at DOI to extend broadband internet and computer access to all BIE-funded schools and dormitories; (2) \$10 million at HUD and \$8 million at DOI to address teacher housing needs; (3) \$50 million at HHS to provide youth-focused behavioral, mental health, and substance abuse services; and (4) \$53 million for Native Youth Community Projects at ED to support comprehensive strategies to improve college and career-readiness of Native youth.

→ **Tax provisions:** Treasury includes a proposal to exclude from income student loan forgiveness and certain scholarship amounts for participation in the IHS health professions program; a modification of the adoption tax credit to allow Indian Tribal Governments to make a status determination of a **"child with special needs"**; modifications of Tax Exempt Bonds for Indian Tribal Governments that include the repeal of the **"essential government function"** for tax exempt bond financing, and new flexibility for Tribal Economic Development Bonds.

→ The HHS **Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (TBHG)** program would receive \$30 million, including \$15 million in the Mental Health appropriation and \$15 million in the Substance Abuse Prevention appropriation as part of Generation Indigenous. With the expansion of the TBHG program, SAMHSA aims to reduce substance use and the suicide among Native youth and address conditions which impact learning in BIE schools. The TBHG program will support mental health promotion and substance use prevention for high-risk Native youth and their families, enhance early detection of mental and substance use disorders among Native youth, and increase referral to treatment.

→ The proposed Budget includes a \$70 million increase for the Purchased/Referred Care (formerly Contract Health) program to cover rising health care costs and to expand services provided through this important program, which funds care outside of IHS and tribal facilities when it is not available at an IHS or tribal facility.

→ **Carriers:** Language to address the *Carriers* Supreme Court decision is again included in the Department of Interior general provisions of the President's budget.

### **FY 2017 Budget**

The FY 2017 Budget Formulation process has begun. Regional meetings have been held. Each Region will make a presentation to the Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC) in March.

### **Contract Support Costs (CSC) Claims Update**

The Tribe has received the settlement amount for this claim for unpaid CSC funds under the Self-Governance Compact with the Indian Health Service. There has not yet been a resolution to the Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter class action suit for unpaid CSC funds under the SG Compact with the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs.

### **Office of the Special Trustee (OST) Automated Audit Pilot Project**

The OST Office of Trust Review and Audit (OTRA) is in the process of designing a "Tribal Methodology" system which would greatly simplify the statutorily-required audit of tribal trust programs assumed by SG Tribes. This would operate as a voluntary, self-reporting computer-based system that would greatly reduce the cost of on-site visits for the OST and standardize report data for each participating tribe which should make the process more efficient. Oneida has agreed to be one of several sites for the testing phase of the Project which should begin in May, 2015. The system should be up and running by October 1, 2015.

### **Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC)**

The SGAC most recently discussed three concerns with Kevin Washburn, the Assistant Secretary -- Indian Affairs (AS-IA) and Tommy Thompson of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Management and Budget (BIA-OMB) including speeding up the release of funding to Tribes, changes to the internal financial processes, and the budget formulation process for DOI. Self-Governance Tribes continue to urge BIA/DOI to work more quickly to get Tribal money out more quickly, especially CSC and programs outside the BIA. BIA indicated that they had made significant progress regarding funding distribution internally but when Congress fails to provide an entire year of appropriations, it leads to impediments in the timely distribution of funds to Tribes. The BIA also reported that anticipated changes to the current financial system will improve the speed in which the agency can get money out to Tribes. As a result,

SGAC requested that DOI consider the impact changes to their finance system will have on Tribes. Tribes are also concerned that the current regional formulation process is not working well for Self-Governance Tribes and that often the priorities from TIBC are not represented in the President's Budget request. The AS-IA agreed that the current formulation process does not allow for maximum Tribal participation at the regional level and would be willing to consider changes.

### **Indian Health Service Director**

Congress has yet to confirm the President's nominee - Dr. Yvette Roubideaux - as the Director of the Indian Health Service. There is a statutory limit on the amount of time a nominee can serve in an "Acting" position for which they are nominated. As a result, HHS Secretary Burwell has appointed Dr. Roubideaux as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary and appointed Robert McSwain, the current IHS Deputy Director, to serve as Acting Director. Mr. McSwain has previously served as the Director.

### **Bemidji Area Office Director**

Mr. Keith Longie has been named the new Director of the Bemidji Area. He is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. Mr. Longie is a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and has held a variety of positions in the Portland and Phoenix Areas and served as IHS Chief Information Officer at the IHS' Headquarters in Rockville, MD.

### **Upcoming Events**

Following are dates and locations of upcoming meetings and conferences as requested.

March 5-6, 2015	Tribal-Interior Budget Council	Washington, DC
March 22-26, 2015	Self-Governance Advisory Committees	Washington, DC
April 26-30, 2015	Annual SG Consultation Conference	Reno, NV
May 20-21, 2015	Tribal-Interior Budget Council	Washington, DC
July 20-24, 2015	Self-Governance Advisory Committees	Washington, DC
August 5-6, 2015	Tribal-Interior Budget Council	Albuquerque, NM
October 5-8, 2015	Self-Governance Advisory Committees	Washington, DC

### **MRO/BIA and BAO/IHS Representatives**

#### TIBC Representatives:

Primary: Darrell Seki, Treasurer, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians  
Alternate: Jimmie Mitchell, Natural Resources Director, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

#### SGAC Representatives:

Primary: Derek Bailey, Tribal Councilor, Grand Traverse Band  
Alternate: Vacant

#### *Technical Committee Members:*

John Mojica, Mille Lacs  
Dave Connor, Red Lake  
Jessica Burger, Little River  
Barb Brodeen, Bois Forte  
Christopher Johns, Oneida

TSGAC Representatives

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Diane Rosen, Director, Midwest Region  
Tammie Poitra, Deputy Director - Trust  
Scott Sufficool, Deputy Director – Services

Kimberly Bouchard, Superintendent, Great Lakes  
Gerald Walhovd, Deputy – Trust Services

***Indian Health Service***

Mr. Robert McSwain, Acting Director  
Dr. Yvette Roubideau, Nominated

Mr. Keith Longie, Director, Bemidji Area