



Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT)

Follow Up Session

New TDAT email address: TDAT_info@hud.gov

Office of Environment and Energy



TDAT Overview

- HUD Developed the Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) in 2010 to make it easier for users to identify Tribes historic interest in areas for proposed projects and the means to contact them.
- The intent of TDAT is to assist HUD staff and its Responsible Entities (RE) in identifying the federally recognized Indian Tribes to consult with per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), when assessing potential impacts a project may have on Tribal cultural resources and sites located on ancestral lands.
- REs are units of government who, as per regulation, assume the responsibility for environmental review, decision-making, and actions that would otherwise apply to HUD and can include Tribes.
- TDAT is a publicly available database that identifies counties where Tribes have current and ancestral interest and provides Tribal contact information for initiating Section 106 consultation.
- TDAT's data is derived from publicly available databases and individual responses from Tribes
- HUD has struggled to keep TDAT up to date. Inaccuracies and the inability to make regular changes have led to complaints by all users, including Tribes and REs.

<https://egis.hud.gov/TDAT/>



TDAT Enhancement Project Goals

The Enhancement Project – Goal is improving contact information for Federally Recognized Tribes to improve consultation across HUD and HUD REs. This will be accomplished through:

- Quarterly updates to TDAT using BIA Tribal Leader data and NPS THPO data
- If there are discrepancies in the data, the TDAT Administrator will be notified and will contact the Tribe to determine the correct information to enter into TDAT
- Updated information can be provided by Tribes to HUD and HUD's TDAT Administrator can make that change as soon as possible.

Note: The Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC) has coordinated with HUD to fund these technical upgrades because FPISC sees increased and positive approaches to Tribal consultation with regularly updated information like this for HUD and HUD's REs.



TDAT Enhancement Project

Project Timeline:

- July 2022 - Software Development Begins
- October 2022- Tribal Consultation Begins
- November 2022 - Virtual Presentations
- December 2022 - Tribal Consultation Ends
- January 2023 - System Testing Begins
- April 2023 - Phase I Launch
- Late 2023 - Phase II Launch (Anticipated)



TDAT Enhancement Project

TRIBAL DIRECTORY ASSESSMENT TOOL

INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT) was developed by HUD's Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) to help users identify tribes that may have an interest in the location of a HUD-assisted project, and provide tribal contact information to assist users with initiating Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.).

To facilitate Section 106 consultation with HUD or a Responsible Entity (RE)* please provide your preferred method of initial contact:

☐ Email
☐ Phone
☐ Mail
☐ Other (please specify)

Tribes are invited to comment on all federalized projects. To filter out projects that undergo review you may choose to decline to review or comment on certain categories of projects.

Please check any applicable categories of HUD-assisted projects that you do not wish to review or comment on:

☐ Projects with no exterior physical changes
☐ Projects with no groundbreaking activity
☐ Projects with no new construction
☐ Other (please specify)

* A responsible entity assumes the responsibility for environmental review and assumes the decision making and action that would otherwise apply to HUD

The Enhancement Project will also include:

Information Request Form

- The intent is to facilitate the Section 106 consultation process by including specific Tribal consultation preferences
- Including preferred communication methods and types of projects that Tribes do not wish to regularly review
- The form is not mandatory





Open Forum

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Tribal Consultation:

Please provide written comments on the
Draft Information Request Form by
December 13, 2022,

to:

TDAT_info@hud.gov





Questions?