Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships

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Purpose

▪ HUD is implementing President Biden’s January 26, 2021 Memorandum.

▪ The Memorandum directs each agency to submit a detailed plan of actions to implement the policies and directives of Executive Order 13175 "Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments."

▪ The Action plan is due to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by April 26, 2021 with annual progress reports submitted annually.

▪ Your feedback and comments will help HUD develop its action plan and inform any updates to our consultation policy.
HUD Consultation Policy

- HUD’s current policy was last amended in 2016, after President Obama issued a similar Presidential Memorandum.

- The policy applies to all HUD departments.

- Most recently the Office of Housing Counseling has hosted consultation sessions; and, ONAP has held multiple consultations on Section 184 regulations and Tribal HUD-VASH.

- Tomorrow, Community Planning and Development (CPD) will host a consultation to design procedures for Tribes to participate in the Continuum of Care program.
Last Session

- The last session yielded lots of helpful comments going towards HUD’s Action Plan.

- Examples:
  - Maintain a regular, consistent tribal consultation schedule.
  - Train other offices within HUD (and other inexperienced Federal Agencies) on what Tribal consultation is and how it should operate.
  - Incorporate cultural history and sensitivity training.
  - Create regional representative positions.
  - Keep track of comments and how/if they are integrated into policies.
  - Creation of a standing Tribal Advisory Committee.

- We are looking forward to more today.
Discussion Session

▪ What ideas do you have on how we can more effectively consult and strengthen communications and relationships?

▪ Are there any best practices from other federal agencies that you suggest we review?

▪ How can we as an agency provide consistent consultation across programs?

▪ How can we better prepare HUD staff to understand the consultation responsibilities and the government-to-government relationship?

▪ Are there ways we can better use technology to solicit tribal feedback on policies?
THANK YOU

Please send comments to: TribalConsultationPolicy@hud.gov

Deadline for Comments: April 5, 2021