



NCSL State and Tribal Resources

State-Tribal Institute

Established in 2006, the Institute strives to improve upon and facilitate more effective state-tribal cooperation and the government-to-government and leader-to-leader relationships.



National
Caucus of
Native
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State
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With 89 members from 21 states, the

caucus encourages a broad awareness of state-tribal issues across the country to raise the profile of tribal issues throughout the state legislative arena. Caucus members meet annually.

State-Tribal Database



State-Tribal Institute FAQs



State-Tribal Collaboration



Government to Government: Models of Cooperation Between States and Tribes



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NCSL's Role as an Intergovernmental Partner & Neutral Convener

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has decades of experience working with Native American tribes. Through a long-standing cooperative agreement, NCSL supports the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in its engagement with Native American tribal governments which are or may be impacted by DOE policies, programs and activities. NCSL provides staff support to three tribal working groups and ensures that participating tribes are provided with information, education, direct technical assistance and research to support their efforts to educate and inform their communities about activities and build technical expertise and capacity. This is accomplished through meetings, regular bulletins, policy briefs and access to subject-matter experts from across the federal agency complex.

Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group

- Established in 2011 by DOE Office of Indian Energy
- Membership: 24 tribes/tribal organizations
- Focus areas:
 - Energy-related infrastructure development and capacity building in Indian Country.
 - Provides information to DOE on how they may assist tribes in developing their expertise in managing all aspects of energy exploration and development activities.
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Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group

- Established in 2014 by the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy
- Membership: 12 tribes
- Focus areas:
 - Management, storage, disposal, transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.
 - Nuclear research and development.
 - Cultural resource management.
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State and Tribal Government Working Group

- Established in 1989 by the DOE Office of Environmental Management
- Membership: 13 states and 12 tribes
- Focus areas:
 - Long-term stewardship
 - Natural resource damage assessment and restoration
 - Waste management
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