



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is committed to improving and enhancing its service delivery and improving the education of Indian students served by BIE-funded schools. The BIE is developing a bureau-wide strategic plan to guide its work and service delivery to students, schools, and Tribes. To that end, the BIE recently engaged its staff in a process of strategic performance planning with the intention of submitting the proposed *draft* strategic plan for collaborative and meaningful review and consultation with Tribes.

On March 8, 2017, April 11, 2017, June 14, 2017, July 18 – 20, 2017, and August 29 – 30, 2017, the BIE convened local, regional, and central office BIE personnel in order to identify proposed strategic plan vision, mission, and organizational values statements as well as goals and strategies to implement the goals. In order to ensure that its strategic planning efforts result in a high quality, effective, and useful plan, BIE partnered with external subject matter expert organizations specializing in educational strategic performance planning, including the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the South Central Comprehensive Center located at the University of Oklahoma (SC3), and the Building State Capacity and Productivity Center (BSCPC). These organizations are providing BIE with valuable technical subject matter expertise and shared best practices in developing an effective, five-year strategic plan proposal with which to engage Tribes in meaningful consultation early in the planning process.

The BIE emphasizes that it is early in the strategic planning process and views the proposed strategic plan as a useful *draft* document that will assist Tribes in affording meaningful and substantive input during the following scheduled consultation sessions.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, November 15, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST	Chemawa Indian School Auditorium 3700 Chemawa Road NE, Salem, OR 97305
Tuesday, November 28, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST	Riverside Indian School 101 Riverside Drive Anadarko, OK 73005
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MDT	United Tribes Technical College Lewis Goodhouse Wellness Center 3315 University Drive Bismarck, ND 58504

Tuesday, December 12, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MDT	National Indian Programs Training Center, 1011 Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
Thursday, December 14, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST	Teleconference and Webinar Call in: 631-992-3221 Passcode: 759-763-471 https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7727750735595699458 Webinar ID: 993-210-731

Again, the BIE looks forward to working with you on improving service delivery to students through effective strategic performance planning. Our goal is to provide you with accurate and timely information so you are equipped to provide meaningful and substantive input early in the process.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Paulina Bell at (202) 513-0702. To submit written comments, you may direct them to Ms. Bell at Paulina.Bell@bie.edu by January 13, 2018. You may also provide written comments by mail, hand-carry, or use of an overnight courier service by addressing them to:

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RE: BIE Draft Strategic Plan Consultation Comments
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Sincerely,



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