



United States Department of the Interior
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS
Washington, DC 20240
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Dear Tribal Leader:

This is a follow-up letter to inform you of the status of the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians' (OST) project to revise tribal shares allocation formulas used to apportion funds to tribes who are interested in or who contract or compact the appraisal program pursuant to P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, as amended [25 U.S.C. §450j-1(a)].

As you know, a series of six tribal consultations were held throughout the country during the months of June through August. Transcripts of the consultations are available on the DOI/OST Website, <http://www.ost.doi.gov>. In addition, interested parties had the opportunity to submit comments/suggestions until September 18, 2009.

The tribal shares team is reviewing and reconciling comments received during the consultation process and will be submitting a proposed Federal government decision to you in the very near future. We hope to have a final decision made and announced by the end of this calendar year.

Sincerely,

Donna Erwin
Acting Special Trustee for American Indians