

enable real-time communications and shared access to documents.

A few increases are included in the overall budget request, including \$800,000 for the probate workload.

OST was initially tasked with Department-wide oversight for the reform of Indian trust management and implementation of new fiduciary accounting systems. OST's oversight role expanded in 1996 to include operational responsibility for financial trust fund management, including receipt, investment and disbursement of beneficiary funds. The Office of Appraisal Services, which appraises Indian trust lands, was moved to OST in 2002. OHTA was realigned in 2007 to report directly to the Special Trustee. Visit the OST website at www.doi.gov/ost to view the fiscal year 2011 budget request.

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The mission of OST is to perform our fiduciary trust responsibilities to American Indian tribes, individual Indians and Alaska Natives by incorporating a beneficiary focus and beneficiary participation while providing effective, competent stewardship and management of trust assets.