Indian Tribal Governments

"The United States has a unique legal relationship with Indian tribal governments as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, Executive orders, and court decisions."

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The new office of Indian Tribal Governments at the Internal Revenue Service was established to help Indian tribes address their federal tax matters. During the planning and creation of this office, we received valuable input from Indian tribal governments and tribal associations so we would be better able to understand and meet your specialized needs.

Indian Tribal Governments provides a single point of contact for assistance and service. Five field groups (noted in this brochure) provide primary front-line service and are aligned to respect tribal affiliations wherever possible. These field groups consist of tribal government specialists who work in locations near the seats of tribal governments.

The overall goal of this office is to use partnership opportunities with Indian tribal governments, tribal associations, and other federal agencies to respectfully and cooperatively meet the needs of both the Indian tribal governments and the federal government and to simplify the tax administration process.

Education

Indian Tribal Governments produces customized products – including publications, forms and instructions, and a Web site – to help tribes understand federal tax law that applies to them.

At the local level, offices currently provide the following services:

- training with individualized instruction focused on tax withholding, reporting, and filing requirements
- channels for tribal customers to provide feedback on existing programs and to assist with the development of new initiatives
- workshops and conferences regarding timely and relevant issues

Customer Service

Indian Tribal Governments consists of specially trained staff located throughout the country. Our specialists can address issues unique to Indian country. Issues may relate to tribal governments as employers, distributions to tribal members, and the establishment of governmental programs, trusts, and businesses.

If you would like to meet with a specialist, contact the manager assigned to your geographic area listed in this brochure. You can get general information and account assistance by calling our customer account services toll-free number at (877)829-5500.

Visit our Web site at WWW.IRS.GOV/TRIBES for more information. Indian Tribal Governments is committed to working with tribes in a respectful and cooperative manner to ensure that the interests and needs of both the Indian tribal governments and the federal government are met.

This office will provide all the services that tribes need to understand and meet their federal tax responsibilities, and to provide tribes with federal tax information needed to further their economic development.

Telephone, Internet, & Mailing Address

Indian Tribal Governments offers you the following ways to get materials and answers on federal tax matters:

- Call: Customer Account Services toll-free (877) 829-5500
- Visit: Indian Tribal Governments Web site at www.irs.gov/tribes
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