

# U.S. EPA, Region 9 Tribal Program Office Newsletter

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Administrator Lisa P. Jackson poses with staff from the Tohono O'odham Department of Public Safety during a visit to the Tribe in October of 2012

## Engagement with the EPA

The EPA values our relationship with tribes, and is committed to Government-to-Government communication, in addition to sharing of information and collaboration on issues.

The Agency's consultation opportunities, where we are currently seeking input from tribes on a variety of regional and national issues, are maintained at the [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#) site.

The Region's upcoming [Regional Tribal Operations Committee](#) meetings is scheduled for: February 12-14 in Tucson, Arizona ([registration here](#)). Travel assistance may be available, contact your [General Assistance Program Project Officer](#) for information.

Information on the White House Tribal Nations Conference held on December 5, 2012, including transcribed remarks, is available on the [Tribal Portal](#).

## New Year, New Format!

With the retirement of Maria Castain, the Tribal Program Office has lost our newsletter editor. Until further notice, the Tribal Program Office newsletter will be somewhat abbreviated, but will continue to be distributed on a monthly basis. Newsletter contributions, suggestions on content, and requests for additional information can be sent to Laura Ebbert, Tribal Program Office Manager, at [ebbert.laura@epa.gov](mailto:ebbert.laura@epa.gov).

## Vacancy Announcements

**Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS):** Offering students enrolled in Federally Recognized Tribes internships in Washington, DC. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, for summer term, applications are due the first Friday in February. For more information, visit the [WINS website](#).

## Federal Excess

**The Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program** catalogues excess federal property the government no longer needs. Equipment available ranges from vehicles, boats, and office furniture to consumable office, field and laboratory supplies and equipment. Tribal governments may find the Federal Excess is a source of low-cost equipment and supplies needed to support programmatic work. For more information or to register for system access, please visit the [GSA website](#).

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# Funding Opportunities for Tribal Governments

## Grants From the EPA

All current EPA grant opportunities are listed at the [Open Announcement Webpage](#).

Highlights from that webpage currently include:

***Increasing Community Awareness and Use of Environmental Information through Education and Outreach*** – Announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects that will provide key audiences with an opportunity to attain a greater understanding of Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data and other related toxic chemical information. For more information, visit the [grant opportunity webpage](#).

***National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management*** – Due February 12. The EPA is seeking school-based asthma management programs to apply for this national award. For more information please see the [program webpage](#).

***AmeriCorps Planning Grants*** – Due February 6.

This funding will assist recipients in developing competitive AmeriCorps program proposals. EPA funds can be used as a match for AmeriCorps grants, when eligible. For further information, please see the [program website](#).

## Funding From Other Entities

***U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water and Energy Efficiency Grants*** Due: January 17, 2013. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant program provides funding to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy and improve energy efficiency, benefit endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, and carry out activities to address climate-related impacts on water. See the [grant opportunity webpage](#).

***FHWA Pilot Projects: Climate Change and Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Options Analyses*** - \$75,000 to \$300,000 per pilot project, Due: January 22, 2013. The Federal Highway Administration is soliciting pilot projects to conduct analysis in one of two areas related to climate change and extreme weather adaptation: 1) assessments of transportation vulnerability to climate change and extreme weather events, or 2) developing options for improving resiliency of transportation facilities or systems to climate changes and/or extreme weather events. 8 to 15 pilots will be selected and funded. See the [pilot project solicitation](#).

***EDA Economic Development Assistance Programs*** Next due: March 13, 2013. Grants will support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. EDA solicits applications from communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities. See the [grant opportunity synopsis](#).

Those interested in additional information about developing and implementing cost-effective climate and energy strategies that help further environmental goals and achieve public health and economic benefits may visit EPA's [State and Local Climate and Energy Program](#) site.

# Training and Other Resources

## Upcoming Training

**February 26-28** – The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is hosting a Module 1 and Module III UST Training in New Orleans, LA. Further information on this and other training opportunities is available at the [ITCA webpage](#).

**February 25 – March 1** – Taos Pueblo Housing and Santa Fe Community College are hosting a 5-day Radon Measurement and Mitigation Training at Taos Pueblo, NM. Free for qualified participants. For an application, visit the [training webpage](#).

**May 20-23** – EPA, Region 9 Tribal NonPoint Source Workshop at the Blue Lake Rancheria in Blue Lake, CA. Learn how to implement an effective NPS program using water quality data to guide the implementation of Best Management Practices and using a watershed approach. For more information, see the [registration page](#).

**June 23-25** – EPA sponsors an Integrated Pest Management in Schools training in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information, please contact Marcy Katzin, [katzin.marcy@epa.gov](mailto:katzin.marcy@epa.gov).

Other upcoming trainings are catalogued at the [Tribal Portal](#).

## Training on Demand

The American College of Medical Toxicology has webinar rebroadcasts on topics including Particulate Matter & Public Health and Toxicology in Emergency Response. Webinars and other content is available at the [ACMT website](#).

Other webinars are catalogued at the [Tribal Portal](#).

## Other Sources of Information

The EPA Schools Environmental Health Program offers a regular newsletter specific to the interests of educational programs – to join that newsletter’s mailing list, please contact Jorine Campopiano at [campopiano.jorine@epa.gov](mailto:campopiano.jorine@epa.gov).