Tribal Information Exchange Network
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Goals

❖ **Consistent data management for Tribes**

❖ **Efficient two way information exchange with media programs**

❖ **Access to archived data from various media programs, centralize in one location**

❖ **More Tribal Participation in network exchange grants**

Environmental Priorities

❖ Reliable system that will assist in the determination of environmental risk

❖ Ensure data collected by media programs in archived and made available for access and use

❖ Development of inter-Tribal Environmental exchange network

❖ Capacity building activities that promote information sharing

Budget Recommendations

- ❖ Restore FY 2008 budget set aside allocation – ($2.240 Million)
- ❖ Current funding at $18.2 million for information exchange. 10% for Tribes –(currently $1.82 million)
- ❖ OEI to determine funding necessary for each media program – (internal assessment of media needs)

Programmatic Constraints

❖ Creation of database clearing house, to be tracked by AIEO

❖ Promote information sharing and implementation of baseline data that is accessible

❖ Uniform data system that is provided to Tribes and developed to also assess risk

❖ Availability of data and its differentiation between funding data and environmental data

Programmatic Constraints

❖ Tribes and States funded under same mechanism and Tribes may be thought to be at the same level with States with completion of nodes

❖ OEI to promote greater role as data repository consolidating media data

❖ Building Tribal capacity and access to internet service

Programmatic Constraints

❖ Greater funding opportunities for Tribes that have obtained Treatment as State status in the major media programs, 44 of 61 tribes have received information exchange grants.

❖ More Tribes are establishing media programs and utilizing data exchange methods

❖ Assumptions of Tribal data management capacity, and under-funded mandated data management protocol

Suggested Remedies

❖ More input from Tribes in the testing and implementation of reporting methodologies

❖ Centralization of data within the OEI

❖ Greater coordination of data storage between OEI and media programs

❖ Efforts to continue streamlining data collection and management

Cross Media Issues

❖ Coordinated actions with media programs

❖ Treatment as State programs as it relates to data management and accessing Information Exchange grants

❖ Promote energy conservation with increased use

❖ Responsible management of electronic waste