

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 25-11
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TO: ALL INDIAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN GRANTEEES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Native American Employment and Training Council Call
for Nominations

1. **Purpose.** To request Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 grantees to submit nominations for consideration by Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, for appointment to fill expiring terms of membership on the Native American Employment and Training Council (Council).
2. **References.** WIA Section 166 (h)(4) and 41 CFR §102-3.30 (c).
3. **Background.** The Council is a non-discretionary advisory committee with the purpose of advising the Secretary on all aspects of the operation and administration of the WIA Section 166 program. This includes the selection of the individual appointed as the head of the unit established at the Department of Labor (the Department) by the Secretary to administer the Section 166 programs. The current Council Charter was renewed for two years, effective August 31, 2011. The charter provides for the Council to be composed of no less than 15 members, appointed by the Secretary pursuant to WIA Section 166 (h)(4)(B), who are representatives of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations.

Except as otherwise required by law, Council membership will be consistent with the applicable Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) regulations, as follows: a) Membership on the Native American Employment Council will be fairly balanced; b) Members will come from a cross-section of those directly affected, interested, and qualified as appropriate to the nature and functions of the Native American Employment Council; and c) the composition of the Council will therefore depend upon several factors, including i) the Council's mission; ii) the geographic, ethnic, social, economic, or scientific impact of the advisory committee's recommendations; iii) the types of specific perspectives required; iv) the need to obtain divergent points of view on the issues before the Council, such as, for example, those of consumers, technical experts, the public at-large, academia, business, or other sectors; and v) the relevance of State, local or tribal governments to the development of the Council's recommendations.

To the extent permitted by FACA and other laws, Council membership should also be consistent with achieving the greatest impact, scope and credibility among diverse stakeholders. The diversity in such membership includes, but is not limited to, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

4. **Action**. The Secretary is seeking nominations for representatives for ETA Region V, Chicago (includes IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI), the State of Oklahoma and the State of Hawaii. Instructions on submitting recommendations follow in this section.

Appointments for the following 10 members will expire on July 19, 2012:

ETA REGION V:

Ms. Jessica James, M.A.

OKLAHOMA REGION:

Vacant

HAWAII REGION:

Ms. Winona Whitman

OTHER DISCIPLINE:

Mr. Urban L. Giff
Dr. David M. Gipp
Mr. Ryman LeBeau
Dr. M.J. Longley
Mr. Willie Noseep
Mr. Steven Densen
Ms. Charlanne J. Quinto, M.Ed.
Mr. Jonathan Windy Boy

In reference to the Other Discipline memberships, the FACA regulations at 41 C.F.R. §102-3.30 (c), requires advisory committees to have a balanced membership, in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Factors to be considered in achieving such a membership depend upon several elements, including the vision and mission of the Secretary. Prospective nominees may represent various areas of expertise such as, technical experts (e.g. “green jobs”), education (includes Tribal Colleges), health care, elected tribal leaders, business, or other sectors. These individuals, as are all members of the Council, must be representative of Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations. In nominating Other Discipline representatives, the factors described above must be considered.

Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for a 2 year term designated by the Secretary in writing. The Secretary may consider nominations for appointment to the Council as submitted by the grantee or tribal communities. All members listed above are eligible for nomination.

Grantee (including those designated as Public Law 102-477) representatives in Regions V, Oklahoma, and Hawaii may submit nominations for memberships in their areas only. The Department will accept nominations from all grantees to fill seats on the Council representing “Other Discipline” memberships. Indian tribes and Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian organizations that do not administer a Section 166 grant may also submit nominations. Public Law 102-477 grantees and tribal officials are eligible for appointment to the Council.

In submitting nominations, consider the availability of the nominee to attend and actively participate in Council meetings (a minimum of two meetings annually), serve on Council workgroups, and provide feedback to the grantee community. Communication between the Council member and his or her constituency is essential to the partnership between the Department and the Indian and Native American community. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation and shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 166 (h)(4)(D)(ii) of WIA.

The Division of Indian and Native American Program will accept nominations electronically submitted to the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Evangeline M. Campbell, at campbell.evangeline@dol.gov or by fax at (202) 693-3817. A biography, resume, and acceptance form must be included in the nomination package. In addition, include the name and telephone number of the individual who is submitting the individual for nomination. This information also may be mailed to:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Division of Indian and Native American Program
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room S-4209
Washington, D.C. 20210
Attention: Mrs. Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO
Phone: (202) 693-3737

All nominations must be submitted to the Department (**U.S. Postmarked or electronically dated, E-mail, or faxed**) no later than 30 calendar days, excluding any Federal holidays, from the date of this notice. Submit Council nominations on the attached form and include a signed acceptance form from the nominee. The nomination package also may be sent by commercial carrier to the above address.

5. **Inquiries**. Inquiries should be directed to Evangeline M. Campbell, DFO, at (202) 693-3737.
6. **Attachments**. Council Nomination Form
Nomination Acceptance Form