

**STATE-TRIBAL COLLABORATION ACT (STCA)
FISCAL YEAR 2022 AGENCY REPORT**

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (GSD) – 350

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GSD provides effective government operations and support services. With expertise in numerous technical and enterprise operations, GSD's staff provide professional services to state agencies, public employees and their dependents, participating local public bodies, public schools and institutions of higher education.

GSD supports Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Buy New Mexico Initiative, which increased the bidding preference New Mexico businesses receive when seeking state contracts, extended in-state preference to local Native-owned businesses operating on tribal land, and expanded the bidding preference for veteran-owned businesses.

II. AGENCY OVERVIEW / BACKGROUND

Vision

To be a national leader in strategic public sector support services.

Mission Statement

To achieve the highest level of government efficiency through consolidation of resources and improved operating procedures.

Agency Overview

The General Services Department furnishes essential resources and services that support the operations of state government in New Mexico.

With expertise in numerous technical and enterprise operations, GSD's professional staff provides multiple lines of insurance coverage and group health benefits; litigation defense; loss prevention and alternative dispute resolution services; facility planning and design services; construction management; building maintenance services; vehicle fleet and air transportation services; legal and technical procurement assistance and support for agencies; and printing and graphic art products and services. Our customers include state agencies, local public bodies, public schools and institutions of higher education.

GSD's State Purchasing Division's (SPD) role is to obtain best value in acquisitions through compliance with the New Mexico procurement code, providing outreach and training to businesses, engaging with all executive branch agencies, enriching the Chief Procurement Officer Program and ensuring a fair and open procurement process.

GSD's statutory mission is "to make state government more efficient and responsive through consolidating certain state government service functions; and to establish a single, unified department to administer laws relating to services for governmental entities...." (Section 9-17-2 NMSA 1978)

GSD is a value-driven organization staffed by highly trained and committed team members who understand the relationship of the mission to effective government operations. Agency success is measured by the satisfaction of customer agencies and the ability to earn and maintain their trust and confidence.

III. CONTACT INFORMATION

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IV. AGENCY EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT POLICY

Describe the agency's efforts in fiscal year 2022 to communicate, collaborate and consult with tribes, as described in the Tribal Collaboration and Communication Policy.

GSD's primary mission is to provide services and resources to state agencies, state employees, participating local public bodies, educational institutions and vendors. Below are some of GSD's fiscal year 2022 communication, collaboration and consultation efforts:

- Attended the Native American Economic Summit.
- Participated in the Four Winds Diversifies Webinar, Preparing for a Virtual Matchmaker – Part II. Discussion included local, state and federal contracting strategies, conversations on preparing companies for a successful virtual procurement fair with buyers and procurement process updates.
- Provided an update on senate bill 39 at the February 6th American Indian Chamber of Commerce luncheon.
- The GSD Cabinet Secretary and Tribal Liaison attended the 2022 Tribal Summit.
- Attended the 2022 Navajo Nation Sovereignty Day Expo.
- Participated on the weekly Dineh Chamber of Commerce (DCC) Navajo Small Business teleconferences.

Provide a brief description of how your agency reviews and assesses its current Tribal Communication and Collaboration policy.

The Strategic Planning Officer/Tribal Liaison reviews the GSD Communication and Collaboration Policy annually to ensure that the policy and the department's goal and objectives do not conflict. If updates to the policy are required, the GSD Tribal Liaison revises the document with the assistance of the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) to ensure compliance with the State Tribal Collaboration Act.

Provide a brief description of other methods used by your agency for outreach to or solicitation of input from tribal governments, American Indians / Alaska Natives (“AI/AN”) and/or Indian organizations regarding your agency’s initiatives, planning activities, programs and services and the results of those methods.

- GSD’s SPD interacts with, and supports, New Mexico’s small, minority and tribal-owned business community as they compete for government contracts.
- The GSD Cabinet Secretary and Tribal Liaison attended the 2022 Tribal Leaders Summit with the goal of discussing agency services and programs with tribal representatives in an effort to identify opportunities for collaboration.

Describe how your agency notifies tribes, AI/AN and/or Indian organizations of funding opportunities, RFP’s, available grants, and technical assistance or training opportunities;

SPD notifies New Mexico’s business community of contract opportunities by posting requests for proposals (RFPs), invitations to bid (ITBs) and vendor assistance information on the GSD website. SPD also looks for opportunities to speak directly with tribal governments, American Indians / Alaska Natives (“AI/AN”) and/or Indian organizations regarding RFP solicitations and the bidding process. SPD also provides updates on the Buy New Mexico Initiative.

V. CURRENT AND PLANNED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

Provide a description of current and planned programs and services provided to or directly affecting American Indians or Alaska Natives and the amount of funding for each program.

GSD supports Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s Buy New Mexico initiative, which broadened the procurement preference for local businesses in an effort to keep state dollars in New Mexico.

Identify main agency accomplishments and challenges regarding Pueblos, Tribes, American Indian/Alaska Native organizations, including significant state-tribal issues, recommendations and/or priorities addressed in fiscal year 2022.

The passage of senate bill 39 during the 2022 legislative session increased the bidding advantage from 5% to 8% for New Mexico-based businesses seeking state and local contracts for goods and services. The legislation also changed state law to allow Native American and tribal owned businesses operating on Native American land to qualify as certified New Mexico resident businesses.

Goals for fiscal year 2023 relating to tribes, AI/AN and/or Indian organizations.

GSD’s fiscal year 2023 goal is to coordinate, or participate in, additional outreach and training programs through the Buy New Mexico Initiative in an effort to increase the number of

solicitations, responses to RFPs and ITBs from New Mexico's small, minority and tribal-owned business community.

SPD has plans to attend additional business and economic events hosted by New Mexico's Pueblos, Tribes and American Indian organizations to provide technical assistance and promote the Buy New Mexico Initiative.

VI. TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION

A. *STCA Training*: The GSD Strategic Planning Officer/Tribal Liaison virtually attended the June 24, 2022, Tribal Liaison Training session hosted by IAD.

B. *Employee Notification about the STCA*: GSD's Tribal Liaison posts STCA related information and updates to GSD's employee web portal.

VII. State Tribal Consultation, Collaboration, and Communication Policy

GSD conducts annual reviews of the agency's Consultation, Collaboration and Communication Policy to ensure that the agency's goals and objective are not in conflict with the STCA.