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Notice of Deadline: Applications to Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2027 or Calendar Year 2027

On March 9, 2026, The Office of Self-Governance at the Department of the Interior issued a [Notice of Deadline](#) for Submitting Completed Requests to Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2027 or Calendar Year 2027 and established a deadline of **April 4, 2026 for fiscal year 2027** and **July 5, 2026 for calendar year 2027**. Tribes/Consortia wishing to be considered for participation in the Tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2027 or calendar year 2027 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are: (1) currently involved in negotiations with the Department; or (2) one of the 145 Tribal entities with signed self-governance agreements.

For a Tribe not presently participating in self-governance to be selected, the Tribe/Consortium may submit a request to the Director at any time, but no later than 180 days before the proposed effective date of the funding agreement (e.g., October 1, January 1, or such other date as the parties agree).

Completed applications must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by April 4, 2026 or July 5, 2026 at the following address:

Jason Bruno, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 4146–MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Contact Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, (mail to: Vickie.Hanvey@bia.gov; telephone: 918.931.0745) with additional questions related to the notice and applying or for additional information. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

Please let us know if we may provide additional information or assistance regarding the Notice of Deadline. We are available to assist.

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