Metadata Training for Tribal Organizations

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Personnel

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Targeted Clients

- Tribal entities predominantly in the southwest US

- The Indigenous Mapping Network annual meeting.

- Other interested tribal entities assuming our finances allow.

Curriculum

- We use the FGDC 1.5- or 2-day curriculum for our CAP-supported workshops.

- We also sometimes arrange special workshops with custom content for some clients. These workshops are always based on at least the 1-day curriculum.

- We add a couple of special modules tailored specifically to tribal entities when we conduct workshops with them.

Special Modules

Value-added modules especially for tribal entities.
These modules help promote the workshops to tribal customers and show tribal professionals how high quality metadata can work to further their tribe's interests.

- Tribal Place Names
  - Gets traditional place names into GNIS database as alternative names
- Distribution Policies for Tribal Data
  - Gives guidance for distribution policy development for tribal entities. Based on the Coeur d'Alene tribe's distribution policy.