

For Information on Implementing These Systems

If you are interested in more information or utilizing any or all of the improved trust reform services and systems, contact:

OST Office of External Affairs, Washington, D.C., (202) 208-4317; or
Albuquerque, NM, (505) 816-1081;
Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll-free (888) 678-6836, or your Fiduciary Trust Officer;
BIA Deputy Director, Trust Services (202) 208-5831.

Access to the following may be provided to tribes that utilize the new trust reform systems and programs:

- Assistance with data clean up and input
- Computers
- Hardware
- Training and support services
- Technology demonstrations

Tentative Regional Conversion Roll-Out Schedule (as of March 2006):

Eastern Oklahoma Region (Miami Field Office): January 2006
Southern Plains Region: January 2006
Great Plains Region: June 2006
Rocky Mountain Region: July 2006
Northwest Region (Fort Hall and Yakama): July 2006
Pacific Region (Southern Calif. and Palm Springs): August 2006
Navajo Region: September 2006
Western Region (Fort Yuma, U&O, Papago, Colorado River, Salt River, San Carlos, Pima): September 2006
Alaska Region: March 2007
Eastern Region: March 2007
Southwest Region: March 2007
Midwest Region: June 2007
Pacific Region (Northern and Central Calif.): August 2007
Eastern Oklahoma Region: September 2007 (all remaining agencies)
Northwest Region: November 2007 (all remaining agencies)
Western Region: (Fort Apache, Truxton Canon, So. Paiute, Hopi, Western, Nevada):
November 2007.

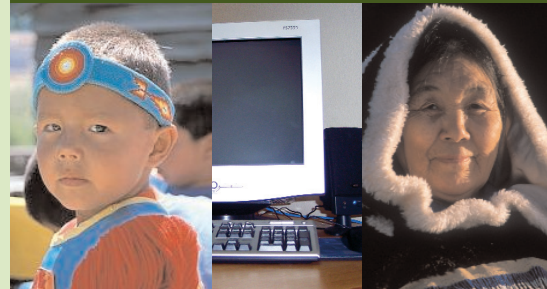
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Trust Reform Systems and
Services Available for
Self-Determination and
Self-Governance Tribes

Reengineered Systems and Data Available To You



Does your tribe contract or compact the performance of trust functions?

The Department of the Interior has been working to improve the management of the Indian Trust for current and future generations. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians are successfully reengineering new systems, technology and processes to provide better services to trust beneficiaries.

Thousands of hours and millions of dollars have gone into:

- Upgrading technology and data management systems for storing and tracking trust data, and replacing decades-old technology, for more efficient business practices.
- Ensuring that no matter where a trust beneficiary lives, his or her trust asset information is current and uniform through a nationwide system that can be accessed locally.
- Ensuring that all trust information is accurate and up to date by reviewing and cross-referencing land, title, realty, account, and individual data.
- Establishing a new trust funds collection system that facilitates the efficient and effective receipt and payment of trust funds to beneficiaries.

Interior staff members are implementing these major reengineering efforts region by region across the nation, with the goal of having all agencies converted to the new systems by the end of calendar year 2007. See the back page for the conversion roll-out schedule.

These improvements, new technology, and data may be available for your use to better serve your members.

Available Technology and Improvements



- **Trust Asset Accounting Management System (TAAMS)** for title and leasing information. This IT system captures title and leasing information in one system, rather than multiple non-integrated systems, to maintain trust land surface information. Staff and contractors are encoding and verifying information on asset owner interests, encumbrances, and tracts for input to TAAMS region by region. Nationwide use of TAAMS allows data to be provided to all beneficiaries at any local office. TAAMS provides accurate real-time data for staff to more efficiently carry out their duties.
- **Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS)** for management of Individual Indian Money account data. TFAS manages IIM financial account data in one centralized, national system so data is uniform and current across Indian Country.
- **Integration between TAAMS and TFAS.** Tribes may wish to utilize TAAMS and TFAS in conjunction so they have access to nationwide data for carrying out trust programs, and to help minimize any gaps in the data that will exist if tribes implement separate systems. Using TAAMS and TFAS can facilitate automated billing and trust fund distribution capabilities, simplify the tracking of encumbrance information, allow for the creation of trust asset statements, and add efficiencies to processes such as the distribution of probates.
- **Commercial lockbox for the collection and processing of lease and asset payments.** The lockbox allows funds received to be directly deposited to the U.S. Treasury and posted to beneficiary accounts. When TAAMS and TFAS are integrated, payment invoices can be automatically generated and sent to lessees in advance of being due. When payment is received, data is automatically updated. Tribes that carry out collection responsibilities may take advantage of this process.
- **Improved systems for probates.** The use of TAAMS, TFAS, other new systems and verified data are available to tribes who contract or compact probate processes. Interior is developing ProTrac, a probate-tracking system that will follow every stage of the probate process from case preparation to adjudication to distribution. ProTrac will help staff, and therefore beneficiaries, be better informed on probate status. Tribes that access ProTrac may enter their data in the system and inform their members about the status of a probate processed in any region.
- **New efficient business processes.** BIA and OST have developed new processes to streamline services and provide additional assistance to beneficiaries. These new processes may also apply to contracting and compacting tribes that manage lease collections, automated fund distributions, trust, and encumbrance information. These new systems may help tribes maximize program funding.
- **Training is available for contracting and compacting tribes on TAAMS, TFAS, lockbox, new processes, and more.**