



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

AIRPORTS DIVISION

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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

**Tribal Leader  
Address**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_;

**[Project name and AIP #], Airport Location, Government-to-Government  
Consultation Initiation**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in cooperation with the owner and operator of \_\_\_\_\_ Airport, **(fill in the Sponsor's name) is (conducting an Airport Master Plan/ Initiating an airport improvement project described below at (Airport Name and Location)).**

#### Purpose of Government-to-Government Consultation

The primary purpose of government-to-government consultation as described in Federal Executive Order 13175 "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" and FAA's Order 1210.20 "American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures" is to ensure that Federally Recognized Tribes are given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes.

#### Consultation Initiation

With this letter, the FAA is seeking input on concerns that uniquely or significantly affect your Tribe related to planned and proposed airport improvements. Early identification of Tribal concerns will allow the FAA and the airport owner and operator to consider ways to avoid and minimize potential impacts to Tribal resources and practices as project planning and alternatives are developed and refined. We would be pleased to discuss details of the proposed project with you.

#### Project Information

The purpose of the proposed project is ... **describe the identified project need and alternatives, if they have been developed; Describe the project location, indicate its location by reference to the section(s), township(s), range(s), Meridian, and USGS topographical map; reference attached figures illustrating the Airport need and alternatives identified and other relevant figures and descriptive information to inform the Tribe and allow the Tribe to provide meaningful input; provide at least one figure that illustrates the proposed project and alternatives within the surrounding area; and include an anticipated project development timeline and indicate the current stage of proposed project within that timeline.**

Confidentiality

We understand that you may have concerns regarding the confidentiality of information on areas or resources of religious, traditional and cultural importance to the Tribe. We would be happy to discuss these concerns and develop procedures to ensure the confidentiality of such information is maintained.

FAA Contact Information

If you wish to provide comments related to this proposed project, please contact **[Name and Title of FAA environmental protection specialist or FAA Planner during an Airport Master Plan]**, at the address above, at 907-271-[xxxx], or by e-mail at [xxxx]; or please feel free to contact me directly.

Airport Owner and Operator Contact Information

In addition, you may wish to include the Airport owner and operator **(list the sponsor's name)** in your response so that they may be aware of your comments. The Airport owner and operator's point of contact for this project is:

**Sponsor Point of Contact Name and Title**

**Sponsor's Name**

Address, phone and email contact information

Project Consultation Options Form

Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your concerns into project planning. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed Project Consultation Options form and forward it to the FAA within thirty days of your receipt of this correspondence.

Sincerely,

James W. Lomen, P.E.  
Deputy Manager

Enclosures:

**[Left indent, and list enclosures (do not say, "as stated")]**

Tribal Consultation Options form

**List the Project information and figures listed above and attached**

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**Sponsor's Point of Contact**

**DOTPF Regional Environmental Coordinator, for DOTPF Projects**

## Tribal Consultation Options

[Name of Tribe  
address]

Project Name: [Name]

Federal/State Project Numbers: [Federal/State Project Numbers]

Please check the appropriate response:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The **[Name of Tribe]** will continue coordination for this proposed project directly with Owner / Operator of the airport. *Please note that if the Tribe initially chooses to consult / coordinate with the airport owner/operator, the Tribe may later decide to consult directly with the FAA.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ The **[Name of Tribe]**, a federally recognized tribe, would like to consult directly with the Federal Aviation Administration in a government-to-government relationship for this proposed project.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The **[Name of Tribe]** has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.

Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you would like to make additional comments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Leader (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Leader (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail:

Phone:

Fax:

e-mail:

Other: (please describe)

If you have chosen to proceed with consultation, please identify a Tribal Representative for the consultation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Formal Tribal Representative (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Formal Tribal Representative (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please mail to: **[FAA Environmental Protection Specialist (or FAA Planner during an Airport Master Plan) Name and Address]**

Or, fax to: 907-271-2851