



# Community Development in Indian Country at the Minneapolis Fed

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# Our Mission

Support the Federal Reserve System's economic growth objectives by promoting fair, impartial, and efficient access to credit and financial services for low- and moderate-income communities.

# Our Mission

We work in the **Ninth Federal Reserve District**, made up of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Northwest Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



# Our Mission



- Publish articles
- Sponsor events
- Build partnerships
- Conduct research and outreach
- Provide technical assistance

# Our Work in Indian Country

- Tribal legal infrastructure development
- Indian Business Alliances
- Research
- Financial education
- Indian Country Currents website

*Our Work in Indian Country:*

# Tribal Legal Infrastructure Development

- Uniform Law Commission Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act

*Our role:*

- ULC drafting committee
- Training
  - » Workshops
  - » Webinars
  - » Technical assistance for tribes
- State-tribal filing system arrangements
- Lender workshops
- ULC Model Probate Code initiative



*Our Work in Indian Country:*  
**Indian Business Alliances**



Minnesota Indian Business Alliance  
**mniba.org**



Montana Indian Business Alliance  
**mibaonline.org**



South Dakota Indian Business Alliance  
**sdibaonline.org**



Wisconsin Indian Business Alliance  
(site under development)

# Strategic Framework for the Indian Business Alliances



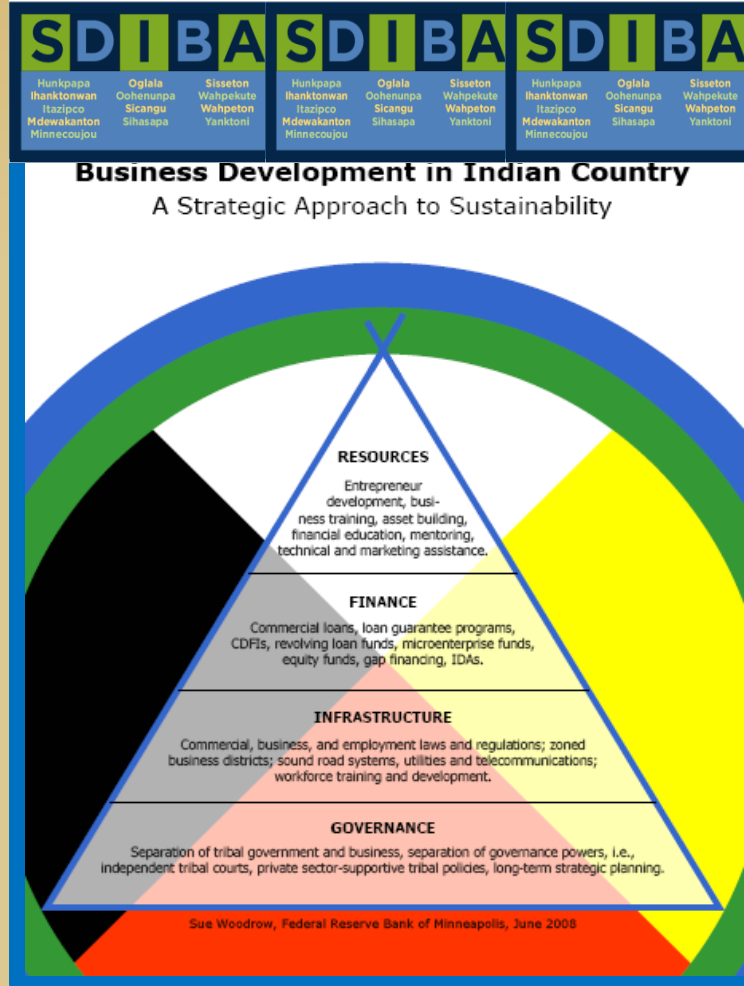


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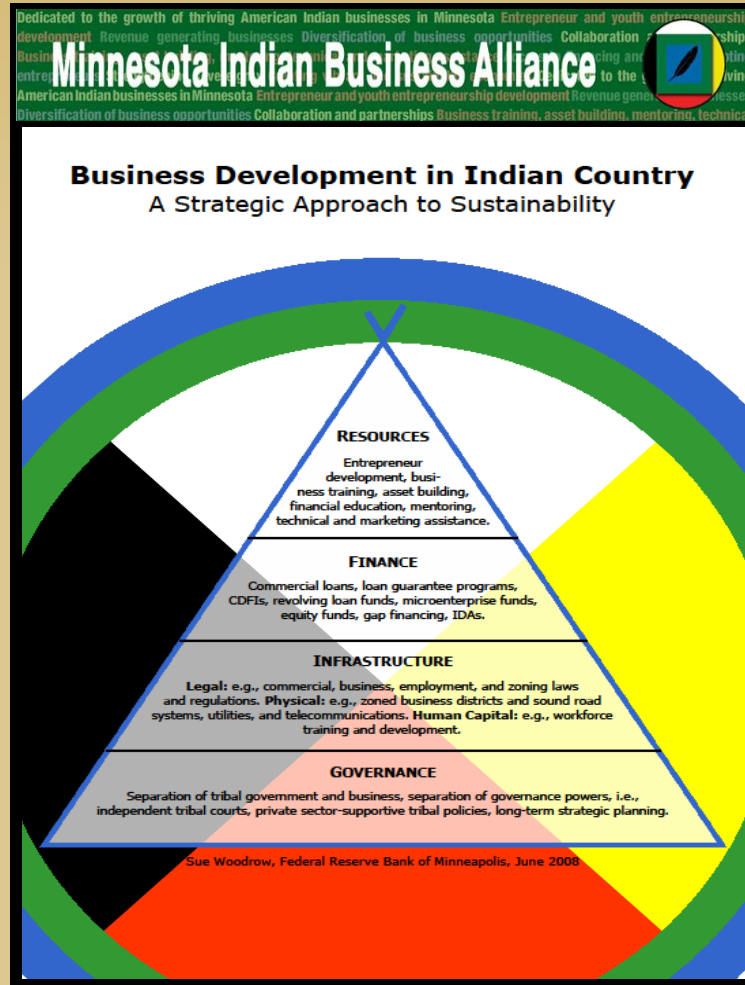


# SDIBA

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# MNIBA



*Our Work in Indian Country:*  
**Articles and Publications**

- *Community Dividend*

A quarterly community development newsletter for the Ninth Federal Reserve District

- *fedgazette*

A regional business and economics newspaper

- Other publications

**CommunityDividend**

*fedgazette*

The Region

## *Our Work in Indian Country:*

# Research

- Purpose: Quantitative study of the effects of certain business environment factors on the level of economic development of the largest 100 federally recognized tribes (by population) in the lower 48 states
- No current comprehensive, substantive data to support tribes, federal agencies, and others in policy development to guide initiatives
- Status:
  - Notification and consent letters sent to all tribal elected leaders
  - Researcher surveying tribes
  - Also using data from Census publications, websites, previous Department of Justice surveys, data collected by others (e.g., Harvard Project, Tiller's Guide) and more
  - Contract with economist to conduct analysis of data
  - White paper will be completed by 4th Quarter 2012
  - Planning to host an event to share findings

*Our Work in Indian Country:*  
**Financial Education**

- **Montana Financial Education Coalition**
- **Native Financial Education Coalition**
- **Indian Business Alliances**
- **Pilot programs in Twin Cities**

# Our Work in Indian Country: Indian Country Currents Website

[minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry](http://minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry)

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## INDIAN COUNTRY CURRENTS

EXPLORE: **News of Note** | Our History | Our Model

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**Our Model for Business Development in Indian Country**

A Visual Representation of Our Strategic Approach to Sustainability

Created by the Community Development Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

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Other Federal Reserve Sites

Recession and Recovery in Perspective  
Compare 11 postwar recessions and recoveries with updated features.  
Read more...

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**Related Links**

- Community Development Program
- Community Dividend
- Community Development Papers

**External Links**

- Minnesota Indian Business Alliance
- Montana Indian Business Alliance
- South Dakota Indian Business Alliance

**Indian Country**

n. All self-governing tribal lands in the United States, including American Indian reservations, dependent Indian communities, and Indian allotments, whether restricted or held in trust by the federal government.

See 18 U.S.C. § 1151(a)-(c).

**About** | Articles & Reports | Indian Business Alliances | Events | Resources | Partners & Links

**Community Dividend**

Economic development in Indian Country is a frequently explored topic in *Community Dividend*, the Minneapolis Fed's quarterly community development newsletter.

**Recent *Community Dividend* articles on Indian Country**

**Recent demographic data reveal effects of economic slowdown in Indian Country**  
July 2011  
New data from the U.S. Census Bureau confirm that economic trends on American Indian reservations in the Ninth District worsened or stagnated during the recent recession.

**Standing receives Minority Small Business Champion Award**  
July 2011  
News and Notes

# Questions?

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