



Dee Alexander
Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs
U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S. Secretary of Commerce John E. Bryson appointed Dee Alexander as his Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs on December 19, 2011. As the Department's Tribal Consultation Official, Alexander will have principal responsibility for implementing the Department's Tribal Coordination and Consultation Policy, per President's Obama's Executive Order (13175), which ensures meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of policies that have tribal implications.

Alexander will also work closely with the Minority Business Development Agency and other Commerce bureaus to promote the Secretary's vision for job creation and economic growth on American Indian and Alaska Native communities. As the Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs, Alexander will be housed in the Secretary's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Prior to this appointment, Alexander was with the Census Bureau for 10 years, developing and executing policies aimed at building durable relationships with American Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis. Her work included ensuring these relationships supported tribes in the development of strong and stable economies and compete in the global marketplace.

Alexander began her Commerce career in 1998 at the Census Bureau's Kansas City Regional Office, where she was responsible for developing partnerships primarily with federal, state, local and tribal governments for pre-census and Census 2000 promotion activities. Alexander moved to Census headquarters in 2005 to work on Decennial Census operations. She chaired the Census 2010 American Indian and Alaska Native Working Team.

In between her two tenures with the Census, she served as Executive Director for Red Earth, Inc. an Oklahoma City based non-profit organization that includes an Indian museum with American Indian educational programs.

Alexander has a degree in Travel and Tourism and has earned a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University. Dee and her daughter Kelli live in Bowie, Maryland.