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To: Presidents, 1994 Land Grant Institutions

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Subject: 1994 Institutions Endowment Fund – 2012 Interest Distribution

This notification indicates the distribution of interest earned in 2011 from the 1994 Endowment Fund to the individual 1994s. Title V, Part C of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Public Law 103-382 (October 20, 1994), cited as "Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994," provides that certain tribal colleges, designated as "1994 Institutions," receive various benefits. These include contributions by the Federal Government to an endowment fund, the interest income from which is distributed to the 1994 Institutions.

Section 533(c) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 ("the Act") establishes "1994 Institutions" as Land Grant colleges established for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503; 7 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.* Additionally, the Act requires that the Secretary of Treasury establish, contribute to the corpus and distribute the interest from an endowment fund to eligible 1994 Institutions. This endowment fund is dubbed the "1994 Institutions Endowment Fund." The interest income is distributed according to a formula: 60 percent of the income is distributed among the 1994 Institutions based on the Indian Student Count (as defined in section 390(3) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2397h(3))) for each 1994 Institution for the fiscal year and 40 percent of the income is distributed in equal shares to the 1994 Institutions. By interagency agreement, the Secretary of Treasury has delegated to USDA NIFA the authority to compute and distribute the interest to the 1994 Institutions.

Legislation designates that the Endowment Fund benefit the Institutions by supporting:

- Curricula design and instructional materials
- Faculty development and preparation for teaching
- Instruction delivery systems
- Student experiential learning
- Equipment & instrumentation for teaching
- Student recruitment and retention

In order to receive Endowment Interest Distribution Funds, 1994 Institutions must meet certain accreditation requirements. Those institutions that do not meet these requirements will not participate in this program and the share of their funds may be redistributed to other eligible 1994 Institutions.

Reporting:

As part of its oversight and accountability responsibilities, the following documents should be submitted **by December 30** of each year

- [Award Letter FY-2012](#)
- [Planning and Reporting Document](#)
- [Annual Financial Status Report - SF-425](#)
- [Tribal Web Portal](#)

FAQ on Endowment Policies and Procedures:

- Endowment Distribution is on interest earned based on a formula
- Funds may be drawn down all at once or over time
- Endowment Funds do not expire – they may be held indefinitely
- Funds may be drawn down and put into an interest bearing College account
- May be used for new construction relating to the 1994 as a Land Grant Institution

Electronic submission is required:

Program Report

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Financial Report (SF-425)

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Fiscal Year 2012 - Distribution of the Tribal Colleges Endowment Program Funds

Award # 2012-38423

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Award Number</u>	<u>2012 Distribution</u>
Aaniiih Nakoda College, MT (Fort Belknap College)	2012-38423-06918	\$ 101,197
Bay Mills Community College, MI	2012-38423-06911	116,937
Blackfeet Community College, MT	2012-38423-06916	155,854
Cankdeska Cikana Community College, ND	2012-38423-06903	100,678
Chief Dull Knife College, MT	2012-38423-06913	92,894
College of Menominee Nation, WI	2012-38423-06920	138,212
Dine' College, AZ	2012-38423-06927	395,241
D-Q University, CA	2012-38423-06926	0
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, MN	2012-38423-06909	106,905
Fort Berthold Community College, ND	2012-38423-06905	94,278
Fort Peck Community College, MT	2012-38423-06925	130,082
Haskell Indian Nations University, KS	2012-38423-07756	245,970
Illisagvik College, AK	2012-38423-07327	78,712
Institute of American Indian Arts, NM	2012-38423-06901	97,045
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, WI	2012-38423-06921	107,769
Leech Lake Tribal College, MN	2012-38423-06910	87,359
Little Big Horn College, MT	2012-38423-06917	137,001
Little Priest Tribal College, NE	2012-38423-06931	75,253
Navajo Technical College, NM	2012-38423-06919	236,111
Nebraska Indian College, NE	2012-38423-06924	75,597
Northwest Indian College, WA	2012-38423-06922	173,324
Oglala Lakota College, SD	2012-38423-06908	301,838
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, MI	2012-38423-06933	70,927
Salish Kootenai College, MT	2012-38423-06914	209,474
Si Tanka College	2012-38423-06906	0
Sinte Gleska University, SD	2012-38423-06907	167,097
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College, SD	2012-38423-06928	89,608
Sitting Bull College, ND	2012-38423-06923	116,245
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, NM	2012-38423-06900	193,907
Stone Child College, MT	2012-38423-06912	115,726
Tohono O'Odham, AZ	2012-38423-06934	80,614
Turtle Mountain Community College, ND	2012-38423-06902	199,961
United Tribes Technical College, ND	2012-38423-06904	190,275
White Earth Tribal and Community College, MN	2012-38423-06932	71,274
DISTRIBUTION TO 1994's		\$ 4,553,365
Federal Administration		189,709
Interest Earned in 2011		\$ 4,743,074