



TO: Tribal Government Officials and Economic Development Planners

FROM: Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

DATE: July 25, 2021

RE: Inter-Tribal Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Project Survey

2021 CEDS Project Survey Background

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan is updating its list of Tribal economic development and public works projects for 2021 for participating tribes. We will submit this list to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) as a part of our 2021-22 “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Annual Update” (CEDS).

EDA grant funds can be used for the construction of roads, water, sewer and other publicly-owned infrastructure needed to create and retain large numbers of jobs.

We want the Tribes to be as successful as possibly in qualifying for federal grants to help the Tribes compete successfully in the global economy. While the focus of this inventory and the CEDS process is on projects that may qualify for funding from the EDA, the agency is looking to inventory all projects, programs and activities that may impact the Tribes economic well-being. This could include projects that may be eligible for funding through other programs, such as USDA-Rural Development, CDBG, MDOT, FHWA, etc. Projects that you wish to be considered for the “Priority Projects Listing” must be identified on the enclosed Priority Project Questionnaire Form.

How to Fill out Your 2021 CEDS Project List and Project Survey Forms

We have enclosed the following in seeking your input to the 2021 CEDS process:

1. Tribal Project List
2. Project Questionnaire Form
3. Project Submission Form
4. Project Criteria

Please update your Project List with any new project proposals, deletions, or other changes. For your convenience, please note any change directly on the 2021 project list. If there are no changes, please write “No Changes”. If the status of a project has changed, please note it in the “Status” column. Finally, please indicate if a project has been completed.

The enclosed survey form will allow you to report back on completed projects and/or activities that have transpired in your community during the past 12 months, as well as projects that you have secured funding for, projects you are seeking funding for and finally any problems or issues your community is currently facing.

We would like your input on identifying new priority projects in your community. Please complete the attached Project Submission Form for each new project.

How to Return Your 2021 CEDS Project Survey Information

You can mail or fax your updated project list and project surveys forms (see information below) or email them to the agency at eda@itcmi.org. You may also fax your information to us at (906) 632-1810.

If you have any questions or comments about this process, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this matter. It is greatly appreciated!

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY SURVEY 2021

The following set of questions is intended as an opportunity for you to provide us with information to gauge economic development activity within the Tribes for the past 12 months. Project specific information that is provided will be placed directly in the CEDS. **Extensive details on funded/planned or unfunded projects should be described in the attached project submission form.**

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFO (phone or e-mail): _____

1. **Please list any/all projects completed within your municipality or service area within the past 12 months, examples include: business attraction, retentions, transportation/road improvements, recreation, community development, etc.:**

2. **Which County(ies) is your Tribe located in?**

3. **Please list below any projects for which you would like to pursue funding within the next two years (PROJECTS FOR WHICH YOU DO NOT HAVE FUNDING.)**

54. **Please list any new developments that are PLANNED for your area within the next year. We are primarily interested in new or expanding businesses, industries or water, sewer and road projects. (PLEASE COMPLETE A PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET FOR EACH PROJECT).**

6. What are some of the major problems currently facing your Tribal community? Examples include: loss of business or industry and tax base, deteriorating downtown, lack of recreation or cultural opportunities, major problems with water or sewer systems, roads or bridges, lack of low-income housing, environmental problems, etc. Use additional sheets if needed.

7. Are you aware of/or actively pursuing any high-tech or innovative projects in your Tribal community (such as Alternative Fuels, Hi-Tech manufacturing, etc?) that you could provide us with details about?

8. What economic development activities and tools does your Tribal community currently use?

(Place "X" to select as an area)

| Category | Regularly | Infrequently | Rarely | Don't Know | N/A |
|--|-----------|--------------|--------|------------|-----|
| Business Attraction | | | | | |
| Business Retention | | | | | |
| Recruitment | | | | | |
| Community Development | | | | | |
| Downtown Development | | | | | |
| Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) | | | | | |
| Tax Abatement | | | | | |
| Brownfields | | | | | |
| Community Assessment | | | | | |
| OTHER: | | | | | |

9. What are three issues facing the TRIBE? (Check only three)

| Issue | (Place "X" to select as an issue) |
|--|--|
| Limited Job Opportunities | |
| Need for New Industries | |
| High Speed Internet Access (Broadband) | |
| Lack of Affordable Housing | |
| Health Care | |
| Poor Image | |
| Crime | |
| Child Care | |
| Support for Local Businesses | |
| Utility Costs | |
| Need for water/sewer systems | |
| OTHER: | |

10. What types of economic development is your Tribe actively pursuing?

| Type | (Indicate with "X" your selection) |
|--------------------|---|
| Retail | |
| Light Industrial | |
| Heavy Industrial | |
| Restaurants | |
| Tourist Oriented | |
| Office | |
| High Tech | |
| Alternative Energy | |
| OTHER: | |

Please mail or fax (906) 632-1810 your completed survey no later than November 25, 2021. If you have any questions, or additional comments, please call us at (906) 632-6896 or email at eda@itcmi.org.

2021 Priority Project Information Sheet
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Please return to:
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 2956 Asmun Street
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 632-6896, Fax: (906) 632-1810
 E Mail: eda@itcmi.org

TRIBE: _____
 Project Title: _____
 Project Contact Person: _____
 Telephone or Email: _____

Please complete by circling the option or completing the blank.

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|---|--|
| 1. How many permanent and part-time jobs are directly created and/or retained within the Region as a result of this project? | # of full time jobs _____ # of part time jobs _____ |
| 2. Are matching funds secured for the project? | ___Yes ___No |
| 3. Has the preliminary engineering been completed? | ___Yes ___No |
| 4. Is the project located in a community suffering from high levels of unemployment or other economic distress? | ___Yes ___No |
| 5. Will the proposed project address any of the EDA Investment Policy Guidelines? Indicate by checking the appropriate number. (see attached information on the guidelines) | _1 _2 _3 _4 _5 _6 |
| 6. What is the estimated number of indirect jobs created or the possibility of related developments as a result of this project being implemented? | # of indirect jobs _____ |
| 7. Is there a clearly demonstrated need for the project? | ___Yes ___No |
| 8. Will the project enhance the attractiveness of the Region for new growth or improve the "quality-of-life" for the Tribe/Region? | ___Yes ___No |
| 9. Is the project a wise and prudent environmental use of the Region's natural resources? | ___Yes ___No |
| 10. Is there a strong local commitment to the project? Check One: ___Letter of Intent ___ Letter of Commitment | ___Yes ___No |
| 11. Is the Project Supported by the Tribe, EDC, EDO or the County? | |
| 12. Is the Project listed in a Comprehensive Plan, CIP, previous CEDS or similar document/program? | ___Yes ___No Identify Planning Document: |
| 13. Project Costs Total(\$) | Comments: |
| STATE: | TRIBAL: _____ |
| | LOCAL: _____ |
| | PRIVATE: _____ |

EDA Investment Guidelines

1. Collaborative Regional Innovation

Initiatives that support the development and growth of innovation clusters based on existing regional competitive strengths. Initiatives must engage stakeholders; facilitate collaboration among urban, suburban and rural (including Tribal) areas; provide stability for economic development through long-term intergovernmental and public/private collaboration; and, support the growth of existing and emerging industries.

2. Public/Private Partnerships

Investments that use both public and private sector resources and leverage complementary investments by other government/public entities and/or non-profits.

3. National Strategic Priorities

Initiatives that encourage job growth and business expansion in clean energy; green technologies; sustainable manufacturing; information technology (e.g., broadband, smart grid) infrastructure; communities severely impacted by automotive industry restructuring; natural disaster mitigation and resiliency; access to capital for small and medium sized and ethnically diverse enterprises; and, innovations in science, health care and alternative fuel technologies.

4. Global Competitiveness

Investments that support high-growth businesses and innovation-based entrepreneurs to expand and compete in global markets.

5. Environmentally-Sustainable Development

Investments that encompass best practices in “environmentally sustainable development,” broadly defined, to include projects that enhance environmental quality and develop and implement green products, processes, and buildings as part of the green economy.

6. Economically Distressed and Underserved Communities

Investments that strengthen diverse communities that have suffered disproportionate economic and job losses and/or are rebuilding to become more competitive in the global economy.