



Tribal Exchange Network News



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Important Dates:

November 13, 2014

[Informational webinar and Q&A for FY15 EN & EE Grant Solicitations](#)

November 15, 2014

New Tribal EN website launch!
Check back soon at tribalexchangenetwork.org

November 24, 2014

[Grant applications for FY15 EN & EE proposals due!](#)

February 4-5, 2015

Tribal Exchange Network Conference, Phoenix, AZ

More Information:

[Exchange Network Website](#)

Background information, partner profiles, knowledge base, and contact information

[EPA Exchange Network Grants, program history, and contact information](#)

Save the Date! 2015 Tribal EN Conference!

The **Tribal Exchange Network Annual Conference** will be held **February 4-5, 2015** in Phoenix, Arizona. Registration information and conference agenda will be made available via the Tribal Exchange Network website and email listserv soon! The **Tribal Exchange Network Conference** provides tribal professionals an opportunity to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the Exchange Network.

~ **Tribal scholarships available!**

~ **Case studies and poster session!**

~ **In-conference training and workshop sessions!**

~ **Sponsorship and Vendor opportunities available!**

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting at or sponsoring this event, or if you have a specific suggestion or request, please contact ITEP.

FY15 EN Grant Solicitation Now Open

The FY 2015 Exchange Network (EN) Grant Program Solicitation Notice is now available to interested applicants. Click here for more details and information: <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants/>.

Applications are due to EPA by November 24, 2014.

In FY 2015, EPA expects to award about \$10 million for 40 to 50 assistance agreements for EN Phase 2 (or Phase 1) projects of up to \$500,000 each. EPA also expects to award an additional \$1.4 million for three to four partnership assistance agreements for E-Enterprise for the Environment projects related to the EN of up to \$500,000 each. The exact number of assistance agreements will depend on the final amount of EPA's appropriation for the grant program, the number of applications submitted to EPA by the application deadline, the amounts of proposed budgets, and the outcome of application reviews. The primary outcome expected from EN assistance agreements is improved access to, and exchange of, high-quality environmental data from public- and private-sector sources. With this outcome in mind, applications should demonstrate support for and results toward EN program priorities.

EPA will accept project proposals for EN assistance agreements in one of two ways: 1) a hard copy mailed or delivered application, including one original and two copies; or 2) a proposal submitted electronically through Grants.gov. EPA anticipates that it will announce selection decisions in or around April 2015. EPA plans to issue the awards by July 31, 2015.

EPA will be hosting webinars to assist applicants. Webinar details will be provided via [EN Alerts](#) and at <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants/>.

For more information, please contact Salena Reynolds, Exchange Network Grant Program Manager.

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New Website Launch and Email Listserv

A new website for tribes and the Exchange Network is under construction! This website will house information and resources on EN topics, expanded information on the TGG, information on tribal mentorship opportunities, and updates and announcements related to the Exchange Network. The website will be housed at the following URL: www.tribalexchangenetwork.org and will be available by November 15, 2014!

Stay in touch and sign up for the EN Tribal listserv! An email news list has been established for periodic announcements and updates related to tribes and the Exchange Network, as well as regular distribution of this newsletter. To be added to the listserv, contact ITEP at the information below.

Meet the Tribal Governance Group

The Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group (TGG) is comprised of tribal professionals working on various aspects of the EN whose primary purpose is to ensure representation of tribal perspectives and issues in the overall Exchange Network governance structure, and to foster and enhance tribal participation in the Network. Current TGG members have over 40 years cumulative experience on Exchange Network topics and many of them have been directly involved in implementing EN projects for tribes. If you are interested in more information on the activities and experiences of the TGG members, please check our website soon.



*Tribal Governance Group Members (left to right): Bruce Jones, BryAnna Vaughan, Linda Rosas, April Hathcoat, Rob Roy, and Frank Harjo.
Not pictured: Tony Hartrich, Angie Reed.*

Current TGG Members:

Frank Harjo, GIS Manager & TGG Chairperson
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Oklahoma

Tony Hartrich, GIS Program Manager
Quinault Indian Nation, Washington

April Hathcoat, Environmental Specialist III
Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma

Bruce Jones, SSHIAP Section Manager
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Washington

Angie Reed, Water Resources Planner
Penobscot Indian Nation, Maine

Linda Rosas, Transportation Planner
Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians, California

Rob Roy, Environmental Director
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, California

BryAnna Vaughan, Water Quality Coordinator
Bishop Paiute Tribe, California

Hello, I'm new here.

Are you new to the Exchange Network and looking for some help or basic information? A number of resources, including tribal profiles, will soon be available on our website for tribes and the Exchange Network. And don't hesitate to reach out to us directly and we'll do what we can to point you in the right direction.

Contact Us!

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Have your own ideas and stories to share?

Interested in a particular topic you want to hear more about?

Other questions or thoughts?

Please contact us!