



Tribal Exchange Network News



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Important Dates:

December 2015

Registration opens for the Tribal EN Conference

February 9-10, 2016

Tribal EN Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico!

For More Information:

[Tribes & the Exchange Network](#)

A resource for tribes interested in information and assistance on Exchange Network topics.

[EN2015 Meeting Presentations and Webcast Recordings](#)

Detailed agenda from the EN2015 meeting in Philadelphia, PA includes presentations, and webcast recordings.

[EPA's EN Grants](#)

EN grant solicitation information, grant award history, and key EPA contacts.

Click [HERE](#) for materials from ITEP's EN Grants for Tribes Webinar, held October 2015

2016 Tribal EN Conference

Save the date to attend the 2016 Tribal Exchange Network Conference (TribalEN), February 9-10, 2016 in Albuquerque, New Mexico! A variety of pre-conference sessions are being planned for February 8; proposals for sessions and conference presentations are now being accepted online through the [Tribes and the Exchange Network website](#).

This year, businesses and other entities can sign up as a Conference Sponsor to get private meeting space to showcase their products or services, provide technical guidance, and network with attendees during the pre-conference sessions.

Space is limited, for details and sign-up information, see www.tribalexchangenetwork.org/tribalconference.html.

"I really enjoyed learning about how other tribes are being involved in the Exchange Network and tools they are developing."

- 2015 TribalEN Attendee

EN2015 National Meeting Recap

The Exchange Network National Meeting ("EN2015") was held September 29-October 1, 2015, in Philadelphia, PA. This year's event highlighted current initiatives and emerging trends related to the Exchange Network (EN) and E-Enterprise (EE). Presentations and recordings of live webcasts can be found on the EN2015 website here: <http://www.exchangenetwork.net/en2015-agenda/>.

Several dynamic and noteworthy speakers headlined the event, including: Stan Meiburg, Acting Deputy Administrator for EPA; Ann Dunkin, new Chief Information Officer for EPA's Office of Environmental Information; Greg Godbout, Chief Technology Officer for EPA; Lisa Schlosser, Deputy Federal Chief Information Officer and Deputy Administrator of E-Government and Information Technology, White House Office of Management and Budget. Many of these speakers shared their joint vision for the future of EN and EE, with a particular focus on lean processes, agile systems development, and getting a handle on "big data." During the opening session, Ann Dunkin called out the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's GIS metadata tool project (funded under an EN grant), noting its value and impact across a wide swath of EN and other data projects. It served as a reminder to all attendees how even a seemingly small project can play a significant role in the broader scope environmental protection.

While only a handful of tribal representatives were in attendance at this meeting of nearly 300 environmental and data professionals, those who did attend found the experience very worthwhile. The number and variety of individuals attending the meeting provided ample opportunities for networking and engaging with other EN and EE partners, and many helpful connections were made. State, EPA, and other stakeholders present also benefitted from tribes' involvement, in particular, during presentations of tribal projects.

TGG Members Meet with EPA's New CIO Ann Dunkin

EPA's Office of Environmental Information (OEI) has added Ann Dunkin to its cast of information technology leaders, and several TGG members had the opportunity to sit and talk with CIO Dunkin during the EN2015 Meeting about tribal concerns, the work of the TGG, and how EPA can continue to address tribal needs. Formerly the Chief Technology Officer for Palo Alto Unified School Districts (in the heart of the Silicon Valley), Ms. Dunkin also worked for Hewlett-Packard for twenty years in a variety of engineering and senior management positions.

Changes coming to Exchange Network Governance

The Exchange Network Leadership Council (ENLC) and the Network Technology Board (NTB) are excited to announce that on December 1, 2015, the Exchange Network Governance will formally become part of E-Enterprise for the Environment. E-Enterprise for the Environment embraces a new model for collaborative leadership among environmental co-regulators, engaging with all interested and affected parties to achieve positive environmental, human health, and economic outcomes. It builds upon the foundation of the Exchange Network, recognizing the value of a proven communications and data analytics platform for sharing environmental information to foster informed decision-making. The Exchange Network's joint governance model of Federal, State, Territorial, and Tribal Partners working together has been adopted by E-Enterprise.

Although the ENLC and the NTB will officially sunset on December 1, their work will continue as part of the new E-Enterprise structure. Much will be happening over the next weeks and months, including the launch of a new E-Enterprise website where complete information for the new governance bodies will be available. In the meantime, more information is available at <http://www.exchangenetwork.net/e-enterprise/>.

ITEP Staff Member Cristina Gonzalez-Maddux Moves On



In September, ITEP said good-bye to a key member of its team: Cristina Gonzalez-Maddux, who had worked for ITEP for nearly five years, both as an intern/student and as full-time staff. She was integrally linked to multiple projects at ITEP, including the Tribal Support for the NEIEN effort, the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), and the Tribal Climate Change program. Cristina's support, positive attitude, and out-going demeanor will all be missed. ITEP and all its tribal partners who have worked with Cristina through the years wish her the best of luck on future endeavors!

Bit and Bytes

In need of assistance with an EN project? We can help! Visit our website, download the [EN Mentorship Request Form](#), and submit the completed form to [ITEP](#).

Have expertise to share? Become a mentor to other tribes! Contact [ITEP](#), or submit the short online form [HERE](#) to sign up to be a mentor; we'll profile you on our website so tribes in need of relevant guidance or assistance know where to turn.

The Tribal Governance Group (TGG) is looking for individuals interested in becoming TGG members! If you have experience or expertise in Exchange Network projects and are interested in helping the TGG fulfill its mission, fill out our request form today! If you have questions or are interested in learning more about the TGG, and to access the TGG New Member Request form, please visit our website: <http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org/about.html>.

*****Tribal**Consultation**Opportunities*****

<<>> **Sign up for TCOTS emails:** Stay up-to-date on current and upcoming EPA consultation opportunities for tribal governments. Sign up for the Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) email list by sending a request to: Join-epa_tcots@lists.epa.gov. You can also view current initiatives on the TCOTS website: <http://tcots.epa.gov/>.

<<>> **NPDES Pesticide General Permit Renewal:** EPA is conducting consultation with tribes on the renewal of the NPDES Pesticide General Permit under the Clean Water Act. Deadline for comments on this action are due December 10, 2015; questions or comments can be directed to Mr. Prasad Chumble at 202-564-0021 or chumble.prasad@epa.gov. Official consultation notice and accompanying information can be found on the TCOTS website here: <http://tcots.epa.gov/>.

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

Other questions or thoughts?

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