

AISES GRC Summer Meeting Proceedings
July 18th, 2013
Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Bethesda, MD

- Welcome – Sara Echohawk
 - Overview of her career, gave background of her role with Native American Right Foundation
- NRC Welcome – Commissioner William Maywood IV
 - Gave his personal history with establishing relations with Native Americans
 - Willingness to work with organizations to recruit Native Americans students
- M. Cohen – Chief Human Capital Officer
 - L. Suto-Goldsby – Diversity Inclusion, Native American Council (just established) to look at Diversity throughout NRC
- NRC Presentation
 - Overview of Tribal Relations with NRC
 - MOU with Tribal Governments
 - Tribal Policy Development
 - Real gains in Tribal Policy Development coincided with Civil Rights Movement with core of activity in Denver, CO in 1960s
 - Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)
 - Hold information session at host hotel at AISES National Conference to talk about NRC to Native students
 - Former NRC employee gave presentation at a past AISES Conference on Nuclear Reactor Design
 - Small Business and Civil Rights (SBCR)
 - \$13M in funding (FY11) for minority university
 - NCR Native American Advisory Committee
 - Established in 2006
 - Panel on Native American Issues in the Federal Government
 - White House Initiative on American Indian and Native Alaskan Education
 - Charged with working in an environment where 90% of AI students are learning within government education framework.

This results in three levels to deal with Fed/State/Local. 10% are learning at BIE/TCU/ Parochial schools. Result barriers in reaching target students

- Discuss partnership with tribe and Higher Education
 - Work to get more Native American/Alaskan Native students in Higher Education
 - Focus on STEM enrollment of Native American/Alaskan Native students
- Department of Education Office of Institutional Services and Higher Education Program
 - Grant Funding for Tribal Colleges (2 years)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs visit Department of Education to schedule time to discuss collaboration
 - Priorities are Institutional Capacity Building/Retention/Increasing STEM Programs/Building Infrastructure
 - DOE/BIA partnerships require good credit history for institutions to participate in funding programs
 - Census Department, Division of Population, Racial Statistics Branch
 - Use census numbers to tell the story of Tribes
 - Looking for interns to support Tribal Consultation
 - Count Indians two ways
 - Tribal Boundary and Annexation Survey (Annual)
 - American Community Survey (Long Form)
 - Keynote Address – Honorable Dot Harris, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. Department of Energy
 - Detailed description on DOE initiatives in working with Native tribes
 - Offered DOE to host next year's AISES GRC Summer Meeting
 - AISES Overview