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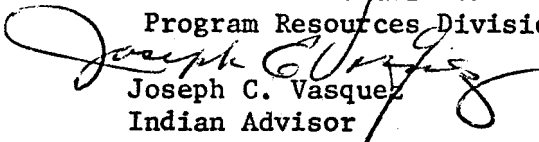


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Office of Minority Business Enterprise
 Washington, D.C. 20230

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MEMORANDUM FOR Alex Armendaris
 Director

THRU: Walter Larke Sorg
 Assistant Director for
 Program Resources Division

FROM: 
 Joseph C. Vasquez
 Indian Advisor

Subject: Current Events Indian-Office

I coordinated with George Clark, Assistant Director, Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) pertaining to a telephone conversation I had with Tom Sawyer, a one time employee at OEO. Tom Sawyer had indicated to me that George Clark had promised him a \$22,000 contract for technical assistance to Indians in the State of Utah; however, the stipulation was that because it falls within the normal jurisdiction of OMBE (Business Development) it should be channelled through OMBE. I followed up with George Clark and found that he had told Mr. Sawyer that if he could locate matching funds he would consider funding his Utah project.

J and M Machine Shop in Wisconsin an Indian Business had asked me for assistance since they were having difficulty and poor business activity. To render assistance I contacted Mr. James Walser, Minority Purchasing for General Motors, Corporation in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Walser told me to inform J and M Machine Shop to contact him and he would attempt to help. Today I received word that the Machine Shop has received ample contracts for the year and as a result have increased the working force from 7 to 19 employees.

Senator Abourezk recently notified me that the meeting between Commerce and the American Indian Policy Review Commission scheduled for July 30, 1976 will be held July 27, 1976.

A competitive bid was let for a BDO in Arizona, to replace the Indian Development District of Arizona (IDDA) LBDO, the contract was awarded to Marshall Christie of Phoenix Arizona, a name for the LBDO will be developed later, contract was for approximately \$134,000 for one year.

Authorization was approved by Walter Sorg, Henry Zuniga with my concurrence to allow American Indian Consultants, Inc. (an OMBE



Contractor) to perform specific Business Evaluation Summaries (BES'S) for the Dallas Regional Call Contractor until such time as the Dallas Office assigns a contract to the Regional Call Contractor.

Neil Daniels of EDA and I (OMBE) met with Ms. Norma Brown, from GAO, regarding a full investigation of all federal monies going to the Navajo Indian Nation, as requested by Senator Barry Goldwater, Arizona.

I received a telephone call July 15, 1976 from a White House Staffer, requesting me to attend a meeting between 200 Indian Leaders and President Ford on July 16, 1976 at the White House. Self determination was thoroughly stressed without termination of Federal Assistance. The Honorable Theodore Marrs announced that this was his last day as Special Assistant on Indian Affairs to the President. No replacement has been named to date.

On May 7, 8, 1976 I attended the dedication of Milks Camp Industries, at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The results of the dedication will be published in the next issue of ACCESS.

OMBE received a copy of the letter from Paul G. Dembling, General Counsel, U. S. General Accounting Office. Regarding procurement Document 6-36801 (R) issuing activity: at Office of Minority Business Enterprise, U. S. Department of Commerce, indicating a formal protest for various reasons by Cunningham/Short/Berryman and Associates, Inc. on the North West Call Contractor for Indians. The RFP's have been evaluated and the contract is pending award by Ms. Althea Kearney DOC Technical Assistance Section.

The OMBE Indian Office Coordinated with the Department of Agriculture's Indian desk, Mr. Stuart Jamieson and Ms. Cunningham, to update them on the newly formed Indian Business Committee.

Further we met with the Head Indian Desk, Mr. Reeves Nahwooksy, Director, regarding an update and providing and latest publication. OMBE also met with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), regarding future Indian Business Development Conferences.

I coordinated with Gorden Evans, Acting Chief Industrial Development. RE American Indian National Bank request for more training money, EDA, BIA and OMBE could not agree to the request.

Senator Schreier, Mr. Ruben Porras and I discussed and rehashed the current SIBDO Contract (Grant) and presented to the Director for signature changes necessary, as per agreement by both parties.



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Coordinated with Mr. Baill and Ms. Kay Lonka of EDA Technical Assistance Division, I suggested that EDA use our BDO's and our Call Contractors for Business Development. I furnished them with several copies of the OMBE Funded Organizations Directory which were sent to the EDA Regional Directors.

This brief report updates highlights from June 1, 1976 through July 31, 1976 not including the every day routine work.

Status of Projects

Alaskan Federation of Natives	Target Date October 1, Negotiating extension for 1977
American Indian Development Association	Extended 1 year thru June 30, 1977
American Indian Business Association	Extended 1 year thru May 31, 1977
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Extended 1 year thru February 1, 1977
Indian Enterprise Development Corp.	New Contract thru Aug. 1, 1977
Minnesota Chippewa Tribes	On going thru December 15, 1976
Navajo Small Business Development Corp.	Due October 1, 1976 on target
Oklahoman for Indian Opportunity	Due August 31, 1976 on target
Passamaquoddy Basket Cooperation	Completed
Wichita Caddo Delaware ent.	Pending extension
Thirgithiada Construction Corp.	Pending extension without additional funding
South Dakota Indian BDO	1 year contract renewed thru June 30, 1977
United Indian Business Development Association	1 year thru April 30, 1977
American Indian Consultants	1 year thru March 14, 1977
Northwest Call Contractor	Negotiations in process