

**Program for the International Assessment of
Adult Competencies (PIAAC) Cycle II 2022
Tribal Communications Materials**

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Appendix A – Recruitment Letter

**National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
U.S. Department of Education**

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The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the U.S. Department of Education, is conducting the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), a major study that will collect information about the education, work experiences, and skills of our country's adult population. This information will assist national and local government leaders, educators, and policymakers better understand the skills of the American workforce, to help make important updates to education and social policies.

NCES has contracted with Westat, a research and policy firm, to conduct the data collection for this important international study. Beginning in September, 2022, we plan to collect information from a random sample of approximately 10,000 individuals across the country. This will include persons living on and near your reservation. As a thank you for participating fully in the two hour PIAAC study session, we will offer eligible participants [\$75/ \$100 gift Mastercard].

The PIAAC Study is important for current and future generations of all Americans because the results can help to improve government and nonprofit education policies and programs. For example, the study results may inform approaches to job training and adult education courses to better align adult skills to local jobs. Also, this study takes place in more than 30 nations and results will show how the United States compares to other countries and can better prepare us all for changes in the global economy.

In order to maximize the impact of the study for your membership, we will provide your organization and any interested tribal leaders with a summary of the study results.

A PIAAC staff member will contact you in the next week to provide additional information on the PIAAC Study and answer your questions about it. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Jacquie Hogan, PIAAC Study Director at (301) 610-4967 or jacquiehogan@westat.com; for information, you can also visit the PIAAC Study website: <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/piaac/>. Once you are fully informed about it, we hope that you will encourage your membership to support and participate in the PIAAC Study.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important national research effort.

Sincerely,

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