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Tribal Communications**

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## **B.1 Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods**

This is an emergency request (under 5 CFR 1320.13(a)) to approve new recruitment and communication materials to contact six Native American tribal leaders to request the cooperation of their communities in an upcoming data collection. For more detail on the sampling methods for PIAAC Cycle II, see the full PIAAC Cycle II 2022 Data Collection package (OMB# 1850-0870 #11). This supporting statement will focus exclusively on the tribal communications materials.

This extremely time-sensitive situation has arisen because, for the first time, part of PIAAC's U.S. sample for this administration is in tribal lands and territories, and so NCES needs to ask permission and cooperation to enter and collect data in those areas. At the time of the 60-day submission, the primary sampling unit (PSU) selection process had not yet begun. Once the PSUs and secondary sampling units (SSUs) were selected, the geographies were overlaid with information on tribal areas revealing that six tribal territories fell into the sample. The higher-than-expected number of PSUs in tribal territories may be due in part to the augmented Cycle II sample design which facilitates small area estimates and includes at least two PSUs in every state.

## **B.2 Procedures for the Collection of Information**

As mentioned above, this emergency clearance is for one letter to be used to contact six (6) Native American tribal leaders. The initial delivery of these six letters will be paper letters delivered by Federal Express. As mentioned in the text (Appendix A), following the delivery of the letter the Westat PIAAC II Study Director, Jacquie Hogan, will reach out to the recipients by phone to address any questions or concerns.

## **B.3 Methods to Maximize Response Rates**

The initial delivery of these six letters will be paper letters delivered by Federal Express. Subsequent tribal communication and cooperation will be completed through email and by phone, which the PIAAC team will use to encourage communication and minimize nonresponse.

## **B.4 Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken**

There are no experiments associated with the use of tribal contact materials for PIAAC Cycle II 2022.

## **B.5 Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data**

No small entities will be contacted as a result of this clearance.