

Alaska Federation of Natives

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State Governments/Agencies **continued**

Montana Tribes Tourism Alliance

PO Box 1224
Billings, MT 59103
406.259.4600 Fax: 406.259.8352
Website: www.bigskytribes.com

Notes: The Alliance is a non-profit intertribal organization that works to promote culturally appropriate economic development through tourism.

National Governors Association

444 N. Capitol Street, Suite 267
Washington, DC 20001-1512
202.624.5300
Website: www.nga.org

Notes: The Association promotes visionary state leadership, shares best practices and speaks with a unified voice on national policy. It works closely with the Administration and Congress on state-federal policy issues through its offices in the Hall of the States. It also serves as a vehicle for sharing knowledge of innovative programs and provides technical assistance and consultant services to governors on a wide range of management and policy issues.

North American Rural Futures Institute

Montana State University
KalisPELL, Montana
Website: www.narfi.org

Notes: The Institute's mission is to provide the most important information relevant to decisions that must be made over the next five decades by rural citizens across North America; and to provide opportunities for those citizens to acquire the skills necessary to evoke and evaluate change and innovation for rural sustainability. NARFI is an applied futures institute designed to connect rural citizens, community leaders, researchers and futurists throughout Montana, North America and around the world who are working on innovative visions to enhance the sustainability of rural regions.

Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation

414 Third Avenue, East
Sisseton, SD 57262
605.698.7654 Fax: 605.698.3038
Website: www.onida.org

Notes: It provides economic opportunities to the residents of its service area, through small business loans, technical assistance, and partnerships with financial institutions and other business assistance organizations.

Northwest Area Foundation

60 Plato Boulevard East, Suite 400
St. Paul, MN 55107
651.224.9635 Fax: 651.225.7701
Website: www.nwaf.org
Email: info@nwaf.org

Notes: The Foundation helps communities in an eight-state region to reduce poverty. It achieves its mission through three programs, and through both program-related and mission-related investments. It identifies, shares and advocates "what's working" to reduce poverty. Partners are selected communities in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho with Washington and Oregon, providing technical assistance and financial resources through its Ventures, Horizons, and Connections programs. The Foundation also works with other organizations and communities to gather and share practical knowledge.



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Northwest Native American Business Development Center

219 First Street
Polson, MT 59860
406.883.6910 Fax: 406.883.5812
Website: www.ncaied.org

Notes: The Center is a project operated by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development in cooperation with the US Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Center. It provides management and technical assistance for Native Americans residing in the state of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The assistance extends to both tribes and individuals living both on and off the reservation. Assistance is available for all stages of business from start-up through expansion. A partial list of services include financial and loan packaging, business plan preparation, procurement assistance, minority certification assistance; and 8(a) assistance.

South Dakota Tribal Government Relations

Capitol Lake Plaza
711 East Wells Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-3369
605.773.3415 Fax: 605.773.6592
Website: www.sdtribalrelations.com

Notes: Establish and maintain an effective communication link between the governor and tribal governments in the state. To recommend qualified Native Americans to boards, commissions and positions within state government; and to introduce and/or support any legislation that would improve the quality of life for the Native American population in South Dakota. Identify, develop and/or coordinate federal, state and local resources to help solve Native American problems and to serve as an advocate of the Native American population.

Western Rural Development Center

Utah State University
8335 Old Main Hall
Logan, UT 84322-8335
435.797.9732 Fax: 435.797.9733
Website: www.ag.iastate.edu

Notes: The Center is located at Iowa State University and is one of four regional centers coordinating rural development research and education throughout the United States and it is supported by land-grant universities of the North Central region, the US Department of Agriculture and grants and contracts from private foundations. The mission is to initiate and facilitate rural development research and education programs and to improve the social and economic well-being of rural people in the region. It also provides leadership in the rural development regionally and nationally by identifying, developing and supporting programs on the vanguard of emerging issues.

