

# Arizona State Tribal Bio-Terrorism Program

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# Overview

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- Twenty-One Indian Nations
  - 5% of state population (2000 Census)
  - 38% of the state land base
- Three Indian Health Service (IHS) Area Offices
  - Navajo, Phoenix, and Tucson
- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)
  - 19 Indian Nations Members
- Governor's Quarterly Tribal Leaders Summits

# Activities/Events

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- CDC Approval (August 2003)
- Funds Distribution Formula
  - \$1.5 Million for tribal contracts (Base amount of \$50,000 each with additional amount based on on-reservation population)
  - \$.5 Million for IHS and ITCA (\$125,000 each)
- Tribal Meeting (October 2003)
- Inter-governmental Agreements (December 2003)

# Activities/Events (Cont.)

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- Full-time Tribal BT Coordinator (Winter 2003)
- Meeting with Tribal Attorneys (March 2004)
- On-site Tribal Visitations
- Navajo County Native American BT Coordinator (April 2004)

# IGA Contracts Status

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- ❑ Three Indian Health Service IGA's Signed
- ❑ Twelve Indian Nation IGA's Signed
- ❑ Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. IGA Signed
- ❑ Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Supplemental IGA Signed (for tribes not contracting directly with ADHS)

# Scope of Work

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- Tribal Scope of Work
  - Critical Benchmarks
  - Focus Areas (A, B, E, F, and G)
- IHS Scope of Work
  - Critical Benchmarks to Include Mass Vaccination Clinic Planning
  - Focus Areas (A, B, C, F, and G)
- ITCA Scope of Work
  - Training and Technical Assistance

# Other Activities

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- ❑ Statewide and Regional Tribal BT Conferences
- ❑ Health Alert Network
  - 19 IHS and 5 Tribal SIREN Licenses
  - 13 IHS and 3 Tribal Satellite Downlink Sites
- ❑ HRSA Hospital Preparedness Program
  - \$800,000 Distributed to IHS and Tribal Hospitals (2002-04 Funds)

# Challenges

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- ❑ Lack of Prior State Public Health Contracting with Tribes and Indian Health Service
- ❑ Lack of Knowledge of Western Concept of Public Health at Tribal Level
- ❑ Lack of Public Health Infrastructure at Tribal Level.
- ❑ Commercial IGA Contracts

# Challenges (Cont.)

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- ❑ Contract Approval Process at Tribal Level
- ❑ Not All Tribes Willing to Sign Contracts
- ❑ All Hazards Approach at Tribal Level
- ❑ Homeland Security Program

# Next Steps

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- Continue to Work with Tribes and IHS Area Offices in Establishing their Programs and Spending the Dollars
- Sponsor Tribal Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Training
- Work with ITCA for Subcontracts with Tribes not Contracting Directly

# Recommendations

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- ❑ Try and Involve Tribes, IHS, and Inter Tribal Councils in Predevelopment Process
- ❑ Develop True Tribal IGA's
- ❑ Involve Tribal Attorneys Early in the Process
- ❑ Hire Full-Time Tribal BT Coordinator

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