



**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Administration**



Title:	State/Tribal Government to Government Relations	DOC Policy: 10.1.6
Effective:	5/10/07	Supercedes: N/A
Applicability:	All employees and functional units	
Directives Cross-Reference:	None	
Reference:	Executive Order 96-30, ORS 182.162 to 182.168	
Attachments:	None	

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to formalize the government-to-government relationship that exists between the nine federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes and the Oregon Department of Corrections, in accordance with the requirements of ORS 182. This policy establishes a process that can assist in resolving potential conflicts, maximize inter-governmental relations and enhance an exchange of ideas and resources between the entities for the greater good of all of Oregon's citizens, whether tribal members or not.

II. POLICY

The Department of Corrections recognizes the nine federally recognized tribal governments residing in Oregon as sovereign entities, and further recognizes that they may have an interest in department policies and programs that affect tribal interests or tribal members. The department further recognizes the value of dialogue between tribal governments and the department with regard to those policies and programs.

- A. The department will maintain a position whose official duties include a designation as the agency's Tribal Liaison. The Tribal Liaison will be the primary point of contact between the department and Oregon Indian tribes.
1. The Tribal Liaison is intended to facilitate communication links between tribal representatives and department representatives for the purpose of working together to achieve mutual goals, identify policy issues of interest to the tribes and to discuss issues of mutual concern or interest.
 2. Department managers are responsible for keeping the Tribal Liaison apprised of issues that involve tribal interests or require tribal/department participation.
 3. The Tribal Liaison will coordinate periodic tribal cultural training for department managers, as well as training to staff that have been designated for training by their managers.

- a. Training will be designed to create an awareness of the unique nature of the individual tribal governments and an understanding of, and sensitivity to, Native American issues, and include areas such as tribal culture, relations, and legal status.
- B. In the development of issues of mutual concern, department employees shall make reasonable efforts to design solutions and develop programs to achieve mutual goals in relation to department policy.
1. The department will consider impacts on the Oregon tribal governments when developing policy and department programs, and if appropriate, will consult with tribal representatives to discuss issues and attempt to resolve tribal concerns when it can be accomplished without jeopardizing department, public, and inmate safety or security.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be adopted immediately without further modification.