



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, DC 20503

THE DIRECTOR

February 14, 2023

Dear Tribal Leaders,

On behalf of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), I am writing to invite you to a Tribal consultation on the [initial proposals](#) from the Federal Interagency Technical Working Group on Race and Ethnicity Standards for revising OMB's 1997 Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (SPD 15). This consultation will be held virtually on March 16, 2023 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET).

The purpose of this Tribal consultation is for you and your designees to share your views with the Working Group, OMB, and the Chief Statistician of the United States on the initial proposals and provide suggestions on how we can improve the quality and usefulness of Federal race and ethnicity data.

SPD 15 provides a minimum set of categories that all Federal agencies must use to collect information on race and ethnicity. That way, we can ensure that race and ethnicity across Federal datasets are comparable and of high quality, and the format, language, and procedures for collecting the data are consistent and based on rigorous evidence. You can learn more about SPD 15 and the revision process by reading the latest [White House blog](#) on the topic.

My team looks forward to meaningful consultation on the initial proposals and is particularly interested in your views on the Working Group's proposal to remove the phrase "who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment" from the current American Indian or Alaska Native definition, making this minimum category's definition consistent with all other minimum categories.

We encourage you to register as soon as possible using this link:

https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_aUbmd1T3Rv-oAevklC5MAA

We will prioritize Tribal leader participation; please note that Tribal consultations are not for press purposes.

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email and a unique participant link. If registration is not possible, or if you have trouble registering, please email tribalconsultation@omb.eop.gov. OMB welcomes your written comments as well. Please send them to tribalconsultation@omb.eop.gov by April 12, 2023.

The Biden Administration remains committed to conducting regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal Nations as discussed in the January 26, 2021, Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships and the November 30, 2022, Presidential Memorandum on Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation. We look forward to continuing to strengthening our relationship with Tribal Nations through this important Tribal consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shalanda D. Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shalanda Young
Director