Engaging Federal Tribes in Projects: When to engage, who to engage, how to engage
Points to Remember

• Federal Tribes Are Sovereign Nations (Negotiate like you would with a foreign country.)
• At times, they will only work government to government.
• Engage tribes at the beginning concepts of a project.
A Few Things to Consider:

• *Section 106 Review* [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov)
• *Federal Laws protecting cultural resources on Federally owned property.*
• *State Laws protecting cultural resources on state owned property.*
• *Ethical handling of artifacts from/on private property.*
THPO: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers are officially designated by federally recognized Indian tribes to direct programs that affect their cultural resources and lands.

• They do not have to respond to corporations or individuals.
• You may *have* to work through a government to begin discussions.
• www.Cherokee.org example
Tips

• Know your history.
• Learn about the tribe you are engaging.
• Be respectful.
• Give plenty of time.

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