



South Dakota

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Formalized Planning Office of the Oglala Sioux Tribe—One Nation, One Number

The Oglala Sioux Tribe’s (OST) One Nation, One Number is an aggressive project that will formalize an official planning office for the Tribe. The Scope of Work outlines the objectives, tasks and timelines which include hiring Dr. Richard Zephier as project director and Michael Brewer as financial development officer. In addition, it calls for the development and implementation of a Seven Year Plan, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan, and OST Business Plan. Objectives of the planning office are oversight and implementation of the plans, to include a sustainable budget for the tribal planning office, monitor activities to ensure the continuity, operation, and maintenance of the OST demographics and data repository. The



planning office will also engage stake holders in the business development process, review and evaluate the progress to ensure the plans operate effectively in the creation of new businesses, new jobs and that OST creates a healthy business environment, as well as effective management of all Tribal resources.

A continuous review of all plans and report recommendations will be communicated to the Tribal President, Tribal Council, and Standing Committee. The overall goal is to increase the number of programs funded by Federal, Private, and Foundation resources; integrate the Uniform Business Code so they operate for the stakeholders, supply vendors, business owners, and Tribal personnel; and establish zoning requirements on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

To assist with this effort, USDA Rural Development has partnered with the OST and awarded them \$270,600 in three rounds of funding through USDA’s Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program. These funds further the activities of the OST Planning Office for regional planning and development.

This effort seeks to support the partners on the ground, state, federal, and tribal levels of government, all working towards sustainability and the collective effort of building wealth within Tribal communities.

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| Obligation Amount: | \$45,300, \$75,300, and \$150,000 Rural Business Development Grants |
| Date of Obligation: | July 22, 2016 (\$45,300 and \$75,300); and July 21, 2017 (\$150,000) |
| Congressional District: | At Large, Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Congresswoman Noem |
| Partners: | Oglala Sioux Tribe |
| Demographics: | The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was established in 1889 in the southwest corner of South Dakota on the Nebraska border. Today it consists of 3,468.85 square miles (8,984.306 km ²) of land area and is the eighth-largest reservation in the United States. |
| Impact: | Further the activities of the OST Planning Office for regional planning and development. |
