

# Tribal Colleges National Facilitation Project

## Primary Goal

Increase Tribal Communities  
Involvement with the Water Quality  
Network

# Tribal Water Issues

- Tribal land is predominately range, forest, and cropland.
- Tribes can attain TAS status for water quality standard enforcement.
- Tribal standards may be based on biological criteria compared to physical criteria, and may be stricter than state standards.
- Tribes need expertise in establishing water programs, watershed planning, and implementation.

# Project Elements

- Involve TCU faculty and staff in Network activities.
- Institutional assessments.
- Curriculum case studies: water quantity, drinking water, toxics, pollution, invasive species
- Tribal College environmental labs
- TCU Water Summits

# Participation and Collaboration

- Involving TCUs with a mini-grant element
- Reaching out to newly interested TCUs
- Host a Tribal College visit to your institution
- Inviting 1890 and 1862 institutions to the next Summit
- Land Grant and EPA can collaborate around Tribal issues and TCUs.
- Tribal College Research Grants
- FALCON
- Inclusion in Regional Projects

# TCU Weaknesses

- Facilities
- Limited experience in partnering
- Time availability, multiple appointments and activities
- PI credentials
- Non-federal match, increasingly being waived by CSREES

# TCU Strengths

- Community contacts
- Faculty are flexible, optimistic, and hardworking. Most have teaching priorities. Permanent residents. They want to be there.
- Have freedom to innovate and implement programming and projects.
- Limitless opportunity, or dire need.

- Initiate a visit the institutions and the Tribal Council in a social and informational exchange context prior to proposing specific work.
- Share proposal development. Split duties. Review and editing. Literature reviews.
- Do not include an institution in a proposal without their knowledge. Some institutions are implementing rigid time frames for proposal review.
- Share power and budget.
- Call and check up on things.
- Don't be surprised if you don't dance on the first date.

# Rate the Partner Behavior

- Stronger Co-pi implements changes in procedures or methods without consulting TCU co-pi.
- Stronger Co-pi obligates the TCU by working directly with the Tribe.
- Stronger partner does not mention TCU partner in press releases, though TCU obtained funding and managed project.
- Stronger partner obtains funding to provide services without informing TCU partner.
- TCU partner does not perform.