

OBJECTIVE 3 – Why Native PTAC's

First, a little history:

- Native Americans are not just members of a socio-economic race, we are members of sovereign nations that negotiated treaties to trade our beautiful lands in exchange for inherent rights to self-determination, reserved areas of land, and provisions such as protection, healthcare, education, religious freedom and hunting and fishing rights, to name a few.
- Lack of knowledge/understanding of sovereignty created a stigma which then resulted in a lack of services to Native owned businesses, especially on the reservations.
- Congress authorized procurement technical assistance specific to tribes and tribal members, NPTAC's were expanded to 6, each covering at least 1 BIA Region.

Why Native PTACs cont.'?

- Understanding of laws and certifications specific to Native Business
- Ability to delegate resources to access remote locations
- Help Native and non-Native firms be successful working in Indian Country
- Respect and understanding for the cultures and communities that foster Native businesses
- Partner with state PTACs to support shared goals
- Tribal government procurement

