Welcome to EDA’s Tribal Consultation

EDA is seeking input regarding the design and implementation of two new programs authorized as part of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022: the Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs) and the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Recompete Pilot Program) as well as input on Disaster Supplemental Funding. EDA intends to release Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for all three in the Spring of 2023.

EDA also seeks specific consultation on an issue in the Recompete Pilot Program where the statutorily required dataset for Tribes does not exist and how to equitably account for Tribal populations in light of that constraint.

EDA Panelists:
- Alejandra Castillo, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
- Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Chief Operating Officer
- Carolee Wenderoth, EDA Tribal Engagement Coordinator
- Riley O’Leary, Management and Program Analyst
- Eric Smith, Director, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Susan Brehm, Regional Director, Chicago Regional Office
- Jeff Roberson, Chief Counsel

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2023 Disaster Supplemental

Riley O’Leary
Management and Program Analyst, Office of Regional Affairs
2023 Disaster Supplemental
Coming Spring 2023

$500 Million

Infrastructure and long-term economic recovery projects

All FEMA-declared natural disasters in 2021 & 2022

Details to come in NOFO

District Planning Orgs
Federally Recognized Tribes
State and local governments
Institutions of higher education
Public & Private non-profits
For-profit entities
Individuals
Eligible Projects

- Projects need to be in - or substantially benefit - a geography that was subject to a Presidentially-declared natural disaster that occurred in 2021 or 2022.

- A wide range of Economic Adjustment Assistance project types are eligible, including planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, revolving loan funds, public works, and infrastructure projects.

- EDA encourages submissions based on long-term, regionally oriented, coordinated, and collaborative economic development or redevelopment strategies that foster economic growth and resilience.

- Any project that supports recovery from the declared natural disaster is eligible.
Project Types

- **Planning for recovery and response to disasters**: feasibility studies, disaster response strategies, design and engineering
- **Restoring or enhancing economic infrastructure**: broadband, energy, roads, water, and wastewater
- **Support the creation of new businesses and jobs**: incubators, industrial parks, technical assistance
- **Facilitating access to private capital investments**: revolving loan funds
Submitting a strong application

- A connection to the disaster
- Derived from planning and coordination
- A detailed budget
- Defined project milestones, activities, and deliverables
- Support and input from relevant stakeholders
- Consistent information across application package
Please monitor EDA's website for more information regarding the FY 23 Disaster Supplemental
The Regional Technology & Innovation Hubs Program

Eric Smith
Director, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
What Is the Tech Hubs Program?

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  - **Regional Technology & Innovation Hubs**

  - **Recompete Pilot**
What Is the Tech Hubs Program?

- The new authority allows us to do **three things**:
  - Regional Technology & Innovation Hubs
  - designation § 28(d)
  - strategy development § 28(e)
  - strategy implementation § 28(f)
## Consortia Structure

### REQUIRED
- institutes of higher ed
- industry or firms in rel. tech, inno, or mfg sectors
- labor or workforce training orgs
- subnational / Tribal gov
- econ dev orgs (sci, tech, inno, e’ship focused)

### optional
- econ dev districts or ~
- orgs ↑ underserved pops in sci, tech, inno, and e’ship
- venture dev orgs
- elem & 2ndary schools
- national labs
- federal labs
- transpo planning orgs
- cooperative extension services
- mfg extension centers
- orgs repping underserved communities in econ dev
- institutions receiving NSF RIE awards
- Mfg USA institutes

*employee ownership membership assocs; State / local employee ownerships and coop dev ctrs; fin insts and investment funds (incl. CDFIs, min dep insts); similar*
Appropriation vs. Authorization

What we’ve been appropriated (i.e., the funding EDA can deploy for Tech Hubs as of now)

$500 million

The program’s authorization level (i.e., the current maximum funding over the full life of the program)

$10 billion
EDA published the RFI on Feb. 14. Responses to the Tech Hubs RFI are due by 5pm ET on Mar. 16.

**RFI: We Want to Hear from You!**

**Open Now!**

**What Input Are We Seeking?**

All Program Aspects Including Design, Structure, and Evaluation

While the RFI poses specific questions, EDA welcomes all responses that stakeholders believe will support the development of a strong Tech Hubs program. Particular areas of interest include (but aren’t limited to) how EDA might—

- structure a Tech Hubs program that will accelerate a region’s evolution into a global leader in an industry of the future that strengthens the region and U.S. economic and national security
- select and define metrics for assessment of successful Tech Hubs
- identify how federal designations and federal grants can be structured to maximize desired impacts of the Tech Hubs program
- design a competitive, inclusive, and accessible selection process for Tech Hub designations that both support critical tech. and innovation sectors as well as geographic diversity
For all the details, see the statute at 15 U.S.C. § 3722a.

More information regarding the Tech Hubs RFI can be found on EDA’s website.
The Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program ("Recompete Pilot Program")

Susan Brehm
Director, Chicago Regional Office
What Is the Recompete Pilot Program?

- The Recompete Pilot Program is a **new statutory authority** that allows EDA to design and implement a **new program**:  

  - **PWEDA**
    - 42 U.S.C. § 3121 et seq.
  
  - **Recompete Pilot**

- Its purpose is to **alleviate persistent economic distress** and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation.
Tribes and Tribal Lands Are Eligible

- **Tribal governments** are specifically identified as eligible recipients.
- **Tribal lands** are specifically called out as eligible geographic areas, including:
  - Land located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation, pueblo, or rancheria; or
  - Land not located within the above boundaries but for which title is held—
    - In trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian Tribe or an individual Indian;
    - By an Indian Tribe or an individual Indian, subject to restriction against alienation under U.S. law; or
    - By a dependent Indian community.
Appropriation vs. Authorization

What we’ve been appropriated (i.e., the funding EDA can deploy for the Recompete Pilot Program as of now)

$200 million

The program’s authorization level (i.e., the current maximum funding over the full life of the program)

$1 billion
Calculating Maximum Grant Amounts

The Recompete statute states that grant amounts should be appropriate for the activities to be undertaken; it sets $20 million as a minimum over the full course of the program for implementation grants and establishes a formula for calculating maximum grant amounts (assuming program is fully funded, which it is not currently).

**Prime-age employment gap x Tribal prime-age population x $70,585**

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Open Question: How to Calculate Maximum Grant Amounts Without Access to the Underlying Data

Maximum Grant = Prime-age employment gap \times \text{Tribal prime-age population} \times $70,585

Statute Requires Data That Do Not Exist* to Determine Maximum Grants

- Number of Tribal members ages 25-54 living on Tribal land
- Number of Tribal members ages 25-54 on the membership roll
- Number of Tribal members ages 25-54 who are employed

*"data provided by the applicable Tribal government to the Department of the Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund programs under title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.)."

Finding a Path Forward

What is the best approach to address this challenge (e.g., providing Tribes an opportunity to submit the missing data on a case-by-case basis to EDA, using another data source as a proxy)?
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**What Input Are We Seeking?**

All Program Aspects Including Design, Structure, Evaluation, etc. While the RFI poses specific questions, EDA welcomes all responses that stakeholders believe will support the development of a strong Recompete Pilot Program. Particular areas of interest include (but aren’t limited to) how EDA might—

- structure the program to ensure the impacts are shared broadly and equitably;
- determine the scale and types of economic development interventions that are most likely to advance the economy in an area with a high prime-age employment gap;
- identify best practices for building local public capacity that would prepare local labor markets and communities for Recompete implementation and other future funding; and
- select and define metrics for assessment of successful Recompete communities.
For details, see the statute at 15 U.S.C. § 3722b.

More information regarding the Recompetes RFI can be found on EDA’s website.
Discussion

What is the best approach to address this challenge?

• Should EDA provide Tribes an opportunity to submit the missing data on a case-by-base basis to EDA?
• Should EDA use another data source as a proxy?

- Please send written questions and comments via email to: EDAconsultations@eda.gov
- Please leave any phone voice messages at: 202-482-5479
- These platforms will be available until March 23, 2023.
- Details regarding the Tech Hubs and Recompetes RFIs can be found in the Dear Tribal Leader Letter, and on www.eda.gov

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