

Wisconsin State Tribal Relations

- **Federally-Recognized Tribes:** Eleven
- **State Tribal Consultation Policy:** In 2004, Executive Order #39 was issued, recognizing the government-to-government relationship between the state and tribal governments and requiring strengthening of the working relationship between the two governments. As a result, the State-Tribal Consultation Initiative was created (see <http://witribes.wi.gov/>). Nearly all of the agencies in the Governor's Cabinet have drafted policies which establish a framework for interaction with tribes. These policies were drafted with input from representatives of all of Wisconsin's tribal governments at meetings hosted by the state's 11 tribes. The policies state that whenever the agencies consider programs or initiatives that would affect tribes, they share this information with them. Conversely, whenever tribes have an issue with the state, the Initiative establishes processes through which these can be shared with state government. Through the Initiative, valuable state and tribal resources are put to more effective use delivering government services in a more streamlined, coordinated and economically efficient manner.
- **State Agencies with State-Tribal Consultation Policies include:**
 - Department of Administration
 - Department of Children and Families
 - Department of Health Services
 - Department of Workforce Development
- **Gubernatorial Tribal Liaison:** Edward A. Eberle, Division of Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Administration, 101 E Wilson St. 9th Floor, Madison, WI 53703, 608-267-1824.
- **State Agency Tribal Liaisons:** see the following for designated state agency tribal liaisons: **Technical Advisory Committee**.
- **State Advisory Committee on Tribal Issues:** There is a State Legislative Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations directed to study issues relating to American tribes and bands in the state and develop specific recommendations and legislative proposals relating to these issues. [s. 13.83 (3), Stats.]. It is a government to government committee with tribal leadership (see **Member List**), and includes an advisory committees on specific topics (see **Technical Advisory Committee**).
- **Tribal Member State Legislators:** None.