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The Honorable James Abourezk
Chairman, Subcommittee on Indian Affairs,
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to your request of July 3, 1973, we informally provided you with information on July 10, 1973, concerning (1) the amount of funds provided to the National Tribal Chairmen's Association (NTCA) by Federal agencies in fiscal years 1972 and 1973, (2) the purpose for which such funds were provided, (3) the appropriations from which the funds were made available, and (4) any restrictions placed on the use of the funds provided. On September 24, 1973, you requested that this information be updated by including any additional funds provided to NTCA since July 1973.

NTCA is composed of elected or appointed chairmen, presidents, governors, chiefs, and other leaders of reservation Indians and federally recognized tribes within the United States. The purpose of NTCA is to provide a forum through which meaningful consultations between the Federal Government and the Indian community can occur. NTCA also assists in directing and administering Federal programs in order to aid reservation Indians.

As of October 31, 1973, NTCA had received seven contracts and two grants, totaling \$875,158, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; the Indian Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; the Office of Economic Opportunity; and the National Council for Indian Opportunity. A summary of the funds provided to NTCA as of October 31, 1973, by each agency is contained in Enclosure I. Agency officials told us that no restrictions were placed on the use of the funds except that they were to be used for the purposes stated in the contract or grant agreements. Detailed information on the various awards by each agency is included in Enclosures II through V.

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The information included in this report was obtained from agency records without verification. In accordance with your request we did not obtain comments from the various Federal agencies on the information contained in this report.

We do not plan to distribute this report further unless you agree or publicly announce its contents.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. M. Keller".

Deputy Comptroller General
of the United States

Enclosures - 5

SUMMARY OF FUNDING FOR NTCAAS OF OCTOBER 31, 1973

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of contracts or grants</u>	<u>Contract or grant amounts</u>	<u>Payments to NTCA</u>	<u>Amount lapsed (note a)</u>	<u>Amounts available for payment to NTCA</u>
Bureau of Indian Affairs - Department of the Interior	4	\$553,206	\$173,760	\$116,263	\$263,183
Indian Health Service - Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	1	246,952	163,500	-	83,452
Office of Economic Opportunity	3	45,000	^b 45,000	-	-
National Council for Indian Opportunity	<u>1</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>23,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,271</u>
Total	<u>9</u>	<u>\$875,158</u>	<u>\$405,989</u>	<u>\$116,263</u>	<u>\$352,906</u>

Funds no longer available for expenditure because they were not used prior to the expiration of the contract.

OEO officials advised us that this amount was expended, but they were unable to provide us with the documentation verifying the expenditure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA)

CONTRACTS WITH NTCA

FROM JULY 1, 1971 TO OCTOBER 31, 1973

<u>Contract or modification</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contract period</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Contract authority</u>
51C14200618	Negotiated cost reimbursement	1/31/72	2/1/72 to 6/30/72	\$ 19,200	To provide the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs with consultation and advice from the Indian community	General Administrative Expenses	41 USC 252(c) 25 USC 13
Modification 1	-	3/3/72	3/4/72 to 6/30/72	200	To provide funds for the payment of mileage and taxi fares for meeting participants	do	do
Modification 2	-	3/21/72	2/14/72 to 6/30/72	10,001	To provide funds for transportation, per diem and stipends for NTCA representatives at four special meetings with BIA officials:		
					Program Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. (2/15 - 18/72) (\$600)	do	do

ENCLOSURE II

<u>Contract or modification</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contract period</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Contract authority</u>
Modification 2 (cont.)					Reservation Acceleration Program (RAP) Selection Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. (3/1 - 3/72) (\$4,016)	Education and Welfare Services	41 USC 252(c) 25 USC 13
					Special Education Meeting, Washington, D.C. (3/2 - 8/72) (\$2,488)	do	do
					Program Conference Meeting, Washington, D.C. (3/14 - 15/72) (\$2,897)	Resources Management	do
Modification 3	-	3/30/72	3/14/72 to 6/30/72	\$2,252	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at a Water Rights Advisory Board Meeting with the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C. (3/16/72)	do	do

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Modification 4	-	3/31/72	4/16/72 to 6/30/72	\$ 716	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at an Indian Programs and Policy Meeting at BIA's area office in Sacramento, California (3/17 - 19/72)	General Administrative Expenses	41 USC 252(c)(1) 25 USC 13
Modification 5	-	3/30/72	3/27/72 to 6/30/72	3,633	To provide for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at a RAP Advisory Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C. (3/28 - 30/72)	do	do
Modification 6	-	6/13/72	4/21/72 to 6/30/72	777	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA president at a conference with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. (4/24 - 27/72)	do	do

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Modification 7	-	6/13/72	5/1/72 to 6/30/72	\$2,987	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at the following meetings:		
					Commissioner of Indian Affairs conference with NTCA president on Indian policies and programs, Washington, D.C. (5/7 - 10/72)(\$727)	General Administrative Expenses	41 USC 252(c) 25 USC 13
					Conference with BIA on Indian policies and programs, Washington, D.C. (5/17 - 18/72) (\$2,260)	Resources Management	do
Modification 8	-	6/13/72	6/6/72 to 6/30/72	2,898	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at a RAP Advisory Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C. (6/7 - 9/72)	General Administrative Expenses	do

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Modification 9	-	6/13/72	6/6/72 to 6/30/72	\$13,533	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at the following:	Resource Management	41 USC 252(c) 25 USC 13
					Meetings with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs regarding water rights, Eugene, Oregon, and San Diego, California (6/15'- 17/72) (\$964)	do	do
					Meeting on water rights, Washington, D.C. (6/28/72) (\$2,846)	do	do
					BIA consultation meeting, Bartlesville, Oklahoma (6/20 - 21/72) (\$9,723)	General Administrative Expenses	do
Modification 10	-	7/5/72	6/23/72 to 6/30/72	3,066	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at the following:	do	do
					Meeting to discuss national priorities on Indian programs and policies, Washington D.C. (6/26 - 27/72) (\$1,680)	do	do

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Modification 10 (cont.)					Meeting to review Federal Assistance Review (FAR) Task Force Report, Washington, D.C. (6/29/72)(\$1,386)	General Administrative Expenses	41 USC 252(c) 25 USC 13
Modification 11	-	9/13/72	2/1/72 to 9/30/72	No cost	Extension of contract until 9/30/72	do	do
Modification 12	-	Not dated	9/20/72 to 9/30/72	\$ 3,500	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives for consultation meeting with Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Bismarck, North Dakota (9/25 - 28/72)	do	do
Subtotal				<u>\$62,763</u>			
51C14200706	Negotiated fixed price	7/21/72	7/24/72 to 8/31/72	\$50,000	To conduct a full-scale consultation session with Federal officials and related workshops	do	41 USC 252(c) (15) 25 USC 47 25 USC 13
Modification 1	-	Not dated	8/1/72 to 12/1/72	No increase	To authorize use of contract funds for transportation and per diem for NTCA Board of Directors meeting in Keshena, Wisconsin (8/72) Also extended contract to 12/1/72.	do	do

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Modification 2	-	Not dated	11/1/72 to 2/1/73	No increase	To authorize use of contract funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at the following:	General Administrative Expenses	41 USC 252(c)(1) (15) 25 USC 47 25 USC 13
					Meeting in Washington, D.C., so that newly elected officers could meet with Government officials to discuss matters of mutual interest	do	do
					Visits to reservations by NTCA officers (no date) Also extends contract to 2/1/73	do	do
Modification 3	-	Not dated	2/12/73 to 5/1/73	No increase	To authorize use of contract funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at a meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest and establish priorities of action, Tucson, Arizona (2/73) Also extends contract to 5/1/73	do	do

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Modification 4	-	5/24/73	3/5/73 to 5/1/73	\$ 3,020	To provide funds for transportation, per diem, and stipends for NTCA representatives at an emergency meeting for purpose of discussing Indian matters, including Wounded Knee, Washington, D.C. (3/16/73)	General Administrative Expenses	41 USC 252(c) (15) 25 USC 47 25 USC 13
Subtotal				<u>\$ 53,020</u>			
K51C14200772	Negotiated cost reimbursement	Not dated	4/2/73 to 6/30/73	\$118,423	Provide for tribal consultation services	do	do
Modification 1	-	Not dated	6/8/73 to 6/30/73	No increase	Authorize purchase of office equipment	do	do
Modification 2	-	Not dated	7/1/73 to 6/30/74	269,000	Provide for tribal consultation services; renewal of contract for fiscal year 1974	do	do
Subtotal				<u>\$387,423</u>			

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51C14200789	Negotiated cost reimbursement	Not dated	5/7/73 to 6/30/74	\$ 50,000	Improve communications and help develop Indian self-determination	General Administrative Expenses (note a)	41 USC 252(c) (15) 25 USC 47 25 USC 13 42 US 2809
Total				<u>\$553,206</u>			

Funds were transferred from the Office of Economic Opportunity's General Community Program's Appropriation to BIA's General Administrative Expenses Appropriation pursuant to an agreement between the agencies dated May 4, 1973.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)

CONTRACTS WITH NATIONAL TRIBAL CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1971 TO OCTOBER 31, 1973

<u>Contract or Task order</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contract period</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Contract authority</u>
110-72-257	Negotiated	5/31/72	5/31/72 to 5/30/73	No specific cost	To provide consumer consultation services and a liaison and com- munication system	IHS	41 USC 252(c)(1) 25 USC 47
Task Order #1	Fixed price	6/5/72	12 months	\$ 36,000	Develop, initiate, and maintain a liaison and communication system that will provide ef- fective and efficient communication between the Indian tribes and IHS	do	do
Task Order #2	Cost reim- bursement	6/5/72	12 months	89,000	Provide IHS with con- sumer consultant serv- ices for overall health program management	do	do

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Task Order #3	Fixed price	Not dated	8/28/72 to 9/1/72	\$ 20,00	Furnish consumer oriented consultation services related to the review of program objectives and plans of the Division of Indian Community Development	IHS	41 USC 252(c) 25 USC 47
Supplemental Agreement #4	-	5/11/73	5/30/73 to 6/30/74	None	Extend original agreement to 6/30/74	do	do
Task Order #5	Fixed price	6/30/73	6/30/73 to 6/30/74	36,000	Same as Task Order #1	do	do
Task Order #6	Fixed price	6/30/73	6/30/73 to 6/30/74	<u>65,952</u>	Same as Task Order #2	do	do
Total				<u>\$246,952</u>			

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITYGRANTS OR PURCHASE ORDER TO NTCAFROM JULY 1, 1971 TO OCTOBER 31, 1973

<u>Grant or purchase order</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contract period</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Contract authority</u>
51204-G-72-02	Grant (note a)	5/1/72	5/1/72 to 4/30/73	\$22,500	Funds to help NTCA become operational and function effectively	General Community Programming	42 USC 2808
200574	Purchase order	3/24/72	3/24/72 to 4/8/72	2,500	Prepare a report encompassing plans for mobilizing private and Federal resources to assist in carrying out NTCA's goals and objectives	do	41 USC 252(c)(3) 42 USC 2808
1204-G-73-02	Grant (note a)	Not dated	8/1/72 to 4/30/73	<u>20,000</u>	Funds to stage national convention	do	42 USC 2808
Total				<u>\$45,000</u>			

Funds provided through Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDIAN OPPORTUNITY (NCIO)CONTRACTS WITH NTCAFROM JULY 1, 1971 TO OCTOBER 31, 1973

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contract period</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Contract authority</u>
4-01-0001-1589	Negotiated cost reimbursable	6/29/73	6/29/73 to completion of study	\$30,000	Prepare a questionnaire to be used as a base document for the field collection of data from Indian tribes, for a study of federally funded programs on selected Indian reservations	NCIO	Executive Order 11398 March 6, 1971