

# Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program

## Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Dear Tribal Professional

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program (TSWEAP) is interested in developing a group of outstanding tribal professionals in the field of solid waste management who are willing to serve as mentors to other tribal staff in Indian Country.

TSWEAP's goal is to assist tribal professionals in developing and enhancing their capacity to effectively manage tribal solid waste. One way in which we do this is to offer four or five courses a year. The other way we achieve this goal is completely reliant on people such as yourself.

All too often, individuals in tribal solid waste programs can feel isolated and are unsure of where to turn for more personalized assistance in dealing with the many issues that may arise. ITEP staff work extensively with individuals in this situation, providing them with information and resources. However, the best resource we can connect these individuals to is another person who has faced and overcome the same challenges. That is where you come in.

We are in the process of compiling a list of highly qualified personnel in tribal solid waste programs who are willing to lend their expertise and knowledge to their colleagues in Indian Country. When someone calls us at ITEP and tells us they are interested in starting up a recycling program, we want to be able to give them a name and phone number of someone who has done just that task. We want to link these people with colleagues who are willing to take the time to help them out one on one.

Would you be interested in making yourself available to your colleagues in Indian Country? We have provided a "Mentor Data Sheet" with this letter that we would like you to fill out. There are several areas of expertise listed. Simply check the ones you feel you would be able to provide assistance on to others in Indian Country. We are also always looking for tribal staff members who are interested in participating as tribal instructors in our courses. Tribal instructors have their lodging, transportation, and per diem paid for as well as receiving a stipend to compensate them for their time.

If you are interested in this program, please fill out the form and return it to us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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## Mentor Data Sheet

### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Interest

I am interested in serving as a mentor to other tribal professionals in the following areas:

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing and/or updating an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing a tribal solid waste management program

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing a recycling program

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing a compost program

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing other source reduction programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing a transfer station

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing a landfill

\_\_\_\_\_ Developing, implementing, and/or managing a hazardous waste program

\_\_\_\_\_ Identifying, monitoring, and/or cleaning up illegal dump sites

\_\_\_\_\_ Conducting community education and public outreach activities

**Areas of Interest (continued)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Writing and implementing tribal solid waste codes and ordinances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Securing and managing funding for tribal solid waste activities (including grant writing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conducting waste stream characterizations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water quality protection as part of a solid waste management program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community health and safety as part of a solid waste program

Other areas of interest that you feel may be helpful?

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**Instruction at TSWEAP Courses**

I am interested in participating as a tribal instructor at future TSWEAP Courses:

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, which course(s) are you interested in participating as an instructor and in what capacity?

- Source Reduction Strategies for Tribes
- Developing An Integrated Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan
- Addressing and Managing Illegal Dumps in Indian Country

Please list any experience you have in presenting or serving as an instructor at any courses, conferences, meetings, etc.

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**Please send completed application to Roberta Tohannie at [Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu](mailto:Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu)**