

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. Objectives

The Indian industrial development program is particularly dedicated to bringing about the economic development of individuals and groups through creation and establishment of nonagricultural employment, offering work experience on or near Indian reservations. To obtain this objective while contributing to the overall objectives of the Bureau, certain goals are sought to broaden the economic base of the community:

1. Organize local communities to undertake development of commercial, manufacturing, and service enterprises.
2. Designate, preserve, and develop areas for commercial recreation and sites for business and industrial development.
3. Stimulate utilization of local resources to enhance the area economy.
4. Establish permanent employment opportunities.
5. Provide opportunities for reservation area work experiences.
6. Generate opportunities for tribal investments in local businesses.
7. Secure outside capital investments in the reservation business communities.
8. Enhance reservation income with additional payrolls.

2. Operation

Federal operation conducted in area offices and at Indian reservations with guidance from central offices in Washington, D.C. Technical assistance is provided within the Bureau, as are training programs, revolving credit funds, and education.

Cooperation with other governmental agencies such as ARA, EDA, OEO, SBA, and CFA.

3. History

The industrial development program was formally established in 1957 and includes commercial tourism and recreation development. There is a small staff in Washington to provide overall direction and the necessary contacts with other agencies of Government at the national level; field industrial development specialists, located in Chicago and Los Angeles, work directly with representatives of private industrial companies, industrial development organizations, and professional plant location service organizations to acquaint them with the objectives of the program and the opportunities available for slant location in the reservation areas; area industrial development specialists and tourism development specialists, stationed in the various area offices, cover the entire Indian-populated areas.

To date, 80 industrial plants, including 15 under construction, have been established in reservation areas. When all of the plants have reached full operation, it is anticipated that they will provide nearly 3,000 job opportunities for Indians. It is estimated that these jobs will directly benefit 12,000 Indian people. Twenty of the eighty plants were established during fiscal year 1965.