

Issue Identification Questions

1. What training do you or others need to better accomplish your goals and responsibilities as a leader, as an American Indian, as a manager?
2. How would you like the training delivered?
3. How much time would you devote to this training?
4. Who should pay for the training?

This program will join the on-going efforts of the MSU Native American Institute and the MSU-Extension to build strong collaborative relationships with the Indian Tribes of Michigan and increase tribal access to MSU resources and statewide networks.

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Building Strong Sovereign Nations Anishinabek Leadership for Seven Generations



*Strengthening partnerships between
Indian Tribes of Michigan, the
Native American Institute of
Michigan State University, and
Michigan State University Extension*

Mission Statement

The Building Strong Sovereign Nations Program supports tribal efforts to build strong communities, organizations, and governments.



Goal

The Building Strong Sovereign Nations Program will collaborate with the Indian tribes of Michigan to create a capacity building training curriculum that is based on the needs identified by key tribal stakeholders.

Objectives for 2005-2006

- *Identify and secure partners who will serve on the project steering committee by November 2005.*
- *Schedule and conduct focus groups and key informant interviews with key stakeholders from collaborating tribes by February 2006.*
- *Prepare summary of content, methods, and format identified through needs assessment process by March 2006.*
- *Engage steering committee in prioritizing the content, methods, and format for curriculum and finalize plan for curriculum content, methods, and format.*
- *Develop and pilot test at least two training modules by November 2006.*

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