



The parking lot at the Sac and Fox Nation Community Center and Maintenance Shop is moving along. The parking area has been striped, landscaping and installation of lights will be the next phase.

## President Requests \$139 Million for Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians in FY 2015

Washington, D.C. — The President's fiscal year 2015 budget request for the Department of the Interior's Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) is \$139 million, slightly less than the FY 2014 enacted level. The request ensures OST will be able to continue improvements to trust services programs and fully carry out its responsibilities to Indian trust beneficiaries in FY 2015.

"OST is the premiere public service organization dedicated to the Indian Fiduciary Trust," said Principal Deputy Special Trustee Michele F. Singer. "The President's carefully crafted budget will allow us to continue our cost efficiency and program strengthening initiatives and provide consistent and effective service to Indian trust beneficiaries."

The FY 2015 discretionary budget request of \$139 million includes a reduction of \$1.6 million in Business Management reflecting a cost savings due to the transition of the printing and mailing of trust fund statements from OST to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The budget fully funds fixed costs changes of \$974,000.

Key program funding levels proposed in the President's FY 2015 budget request include \$9.9 million for Trust Records, \$4.9 million for Trust Review and Audit, \$24.9 million for Field Operations, \$10.8 million for Appraisal Services, \$29.0 million for Trust Services, \$23.1 million for Historical Trust Ac-

counting, and \$33.6 million for Business Management, including \$12.0 million to fund trust related activities in the Office of Hearings and Appeals and the Indian Trust Litigation Office.

OST's operational responsibilities for financial trust fund management include the receipt, investment and disbursement of Indian trust funds and real estate appraisals on Indian trust lands. OST manages nearly \$4.6 billion held in over 3,000 trust accounts for more than 250 Indian tribes and 393,000 open Individual Indian Money accounts.

During FY 2013, OST prepared its FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, which charts a path of continuous improvement through effective planning, implementation and follow-through over the next five years. OST's Strategic Plan aligns with the Department's Strategic Plan and will generate cost savings and efficiency improvements over its five-year timeframe. Progress on the action items in the plan will be tracked and the overall plan will be updated as tasks are completed.

In support of the Administration's real property cost savings efforts, OST captured \$1 million in property savings by moving personnel from commercial space into Department of the Interior space and reducing staff and contractor space. Beginning in FY 2014, OST is reducing lease space in Albuquerque, N.M. by 50 percent, to save another \$1 million.

## PARALEGAL SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

The Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court is pleased to announce that paralegal services are now being offered at the Sac and Fox Nation Justice Center. This service is to help alleviate the pressure placed on the prose litigants, litigants who may not be able to afford the luxury to hire legal assistance. Without the aid of legal expertise, litigants often enter the judicial system unprepared for the complicated process and may leave dismayed by the results. In recognition of this problem, the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services have been in collaboration to provide the tribal members with a paralegal to offer

assistance to prose litigants in preparing their legal documents and understanding the judicial process.

The paralegal provided through Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is on-site three (3) times a month to assist enrolled tribal members with preparation of legal documents, help in understanding the judicial process, assisting court administration in issuing Orders and Decrees, directing litigants to outside organizations for further assistance, preparation of wills and referrals for further legal advice.

Contact the Court Clerk's Office at 918-968-2031 for dates and times.

**Business Committee Meeting Minutes** are now accessible on the Website and Facebook  
[sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

**Deadline For May Paper is Monday, April 21**

## Notice From The Editor

Due to the printing schedule of the Sac and Fox News any event or public notice of meetings that is going to take place during the first week of the month needs to be **published in the previous months newspaper**. It is our aim at the Sac and Fox News to keep the Nation informed of every event possible.

Ken Johnson,  
 Editor Sac and Fox News

### OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (OILS)

Attorneys from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will provide free will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust or Restricted Land.

## WILL PREPARATION CLINIC

DATE: MAY 2, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## SAC AND FOX NATION TRIBAL COURT

356159 EAST 926 ROAD

STROUD, OKLAHOMA 74079

Please call Norma (M-F 8:00 am - 3:00 pm) to register  
 1-800-658-1497

You must have an appointment to talk to an attorney

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. is a non profit law firm funded principally by the Legal Services Corp. For additional information regarding other legal services, please call Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. 1-800-658-1497.

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 Seeking Donations  
**Material of all Kinds**  
 Lots of Projects  
 Coming Up  
 Contact: Mary Brown  
**919-968-3526 Ext 2016**

**Easter** April 2014 **Easter**  
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 STROUD WAREHOUSE (918) 968-3030 1-800-256-3398  
 SHAWNEE OFFICE (405) 395-0063 1-866-622-2310

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**Save The Date** April 29-30th, 2014

**6th Annual Tribal Epidemiology Center Public Health Conference**

Celebrating Tribal Public Health

Where we have been, where we are and where we are going...

**Where:** Firelake Grand Casino  
 777 Grand Casino Boulevard, Shawnee, OK 74804  
 \*To reserve a hotel room call (405) 964-7777

For online participant registration info. Please visit [OCAITHB.org](http://OCAITHB.org).  
 Registration is FREE!