MITW- Menominee Preference in Contracting Chapter 25 - Contracts Frequently Asked Questions

What is the role of the Preference Coordinator?

The Preference Coordinator monitors the contract/bid process to ensure the provisions of this ordinance are complied with; ensures all contracts/bid announcements are posted on Tribe's website and on bulletin board at Tribal Offices; investigates what obstacles exist which prevent Menominee Business from contracting and arranges for training regarding the contract/bidding process; performs compliance duties pursuant with this ordinance and evaluates and makes requests for modifications of any provisions of this ordinance to applicable governing bodies.

Who should have a Preference Coordinator?

As per this Code, all covered entities of the Menominee Tribe shall designate a Preference Coordinator.

What are the Covered Entities?

The covered entities include MITW, Menominee Tribal Enterprises, College of Menominee Nation, Menominee Indian Gaming Authority and any other business chartered pursuant to Article XII or XIII of the Menominee Constitution.

What are the penalties for noncompliance by a contractor?

If at any time the Preference Coordinator is aware that a contractor has allegedly violated the provisions of its contract, the Preference Coordinator shall investigate and upon determination that a violation has occurred shall first notify contractor of the nature of the violation, the Tribe or covered entities legal personnel that a potential breach of contract has occurred. Next, a report is prepared of the findings and if a violation is found a meeting with contractor will be done to discuss remedies. If a remedy cannot be reached, the Preference Coordinator shall have the right to deny such party the right to commence business on the reservation or terminate or suspend contractors operation.

What is used to track compliance?

Payroll reports are going to be used showing compliance to "Menominee Workforce" levels. When submitting payroll reports, a separate spreadsheet must be submitted which will document the amount of "Menominee Workforce" used in the contract.

Who is the Preference Coordinator for MITW?

The Tax Commission Office is charged with the Preference Coordinator duties for the Menominee Indian Tribe. Any questions regarding Chapter 25 - Contracts can be directed to Annmarie Johnson, Tax Commissioner/ Preference Coordinator @ 715-799-5171 or ajohnson@mitw.org

Please note: This is for Frequently Asked Questions only and all contractors should read Chapter 25 – Contracts: Code of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.