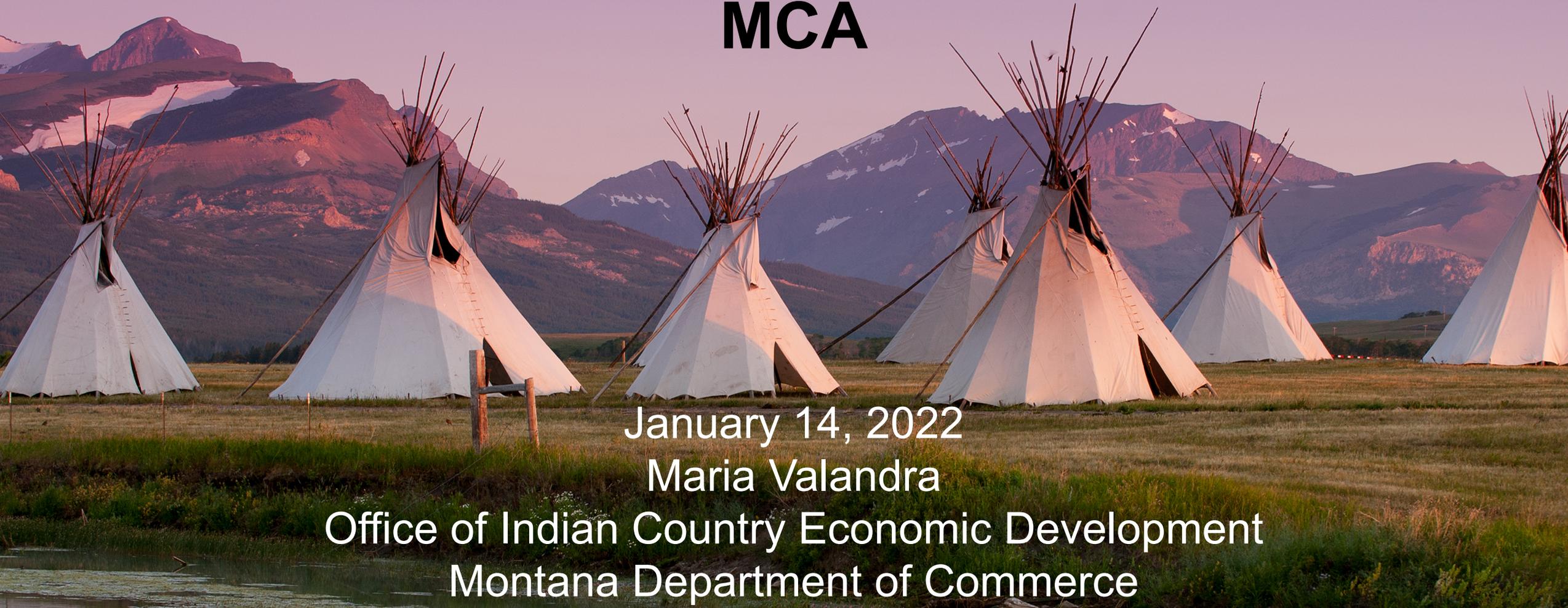


# State Tribal Relations Committee

## Decennial report pursuant 90-1-105(7), MCA



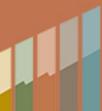
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# Presentation Outline

- Legislative intent and progress overview
- What information has been collected and is still needed (including data sources of where information comes from)
- Required support for legislative intent
- Gaps (beyond the budget)



# Legislative Intent

- Original intent of the statute was to get an accurate, comprehensive, detailed, and objective assessment of economic conditions on each of the Indian reservations in the state.
- HB632 – Intention was to update the most recent report and “fill a ten-year gap in data” regarding the economic contributions of Indian reservations in Montana.
- Inter-Agency Service Agreement was signed between MT DOC and Bureau of Business and Economic Research at University of Montana for \$48,000 on September 26, 2019 to expire December 31, 2020. MOU amended to 8-31-2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment 6-30-2022.
- Meetings held with STEDC, STRC, BBER in 2020 and 2021 to request data information from each tribe and discuss delay’s in progress due to COVID



# What information has been collected and is still needed with data sources

- **Federal Data requested June 2021 by BBER**
  - Federal Audit Clearinghouse – BBER collected data based on the federal audits ( federal funding expenditures ONLY); however, seriously lacking data from other Federal, State, Earned Revenue, Fiduciary Income, other, which is needed to capture the total economic impact of the tribes.
  - Everything is currently ON HOLD



# Data sources needed

Data sources needed for every year (this is based on 2016 previous report)

## – Federal

- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Social Security, HUD, impact aid to school districts, competitive grants received by agencies and non-profits within the reservation

## – State

- School Districts, MT DPHHS, TANF

## – Earned

- Leasing revenue, tribally owned enterprises, investments, trust income received by tribal members for use of their land and/or interest payments related to treaty obligations or US Government settlements



# Data sources needed *continued*

## – **Fiduciary**

- Income from assets held by an entity in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, i.e. pension funds and self-insurance funds

## – **Various**

- Includes many small sums of pass-through dollars by government agencies, private foundations and community organization grants, and other sources.

## – **Reservation profile information**

- Tribal population
- Land size
- Key communities,
- Population and distribution, key industry
- Nearby key communities
- Ranking of revenues by type



# Required support for the legislative intent

## Activity

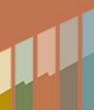
- Clarify Decennial Report language – Legislature
  - Clarify why report is needed
  - One year or 10 year period
  - Appropriate adequate dollars

## People

- Contract BBER who will have to subcontract with an entity that possesses a strong background working with State and Tribal government to do the data collection

## Budget

- \$400K to do all eight tribes



# Gaps (beyond the budget)

- Tribes are still dealing with the pandemic
- Tribal capacity shortage to collect data





Thank you

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