

# Summary of Early Engagement with States and Tribes on the FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance

## Office of Environmental Information

The Office of Environmental Information (OEI) initiated early engagement with states and tribes on the following occasions:

- 1) OEI hosted a teleconference with the Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group (EN TGG) on October 4, 2016, followed by an opportunity for the EN TGG to submit written feedback on OEI's FY 2016-2017 [NPM Guidance](#) and additional suggestions for consideration in the FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance.
- 2) The OEI Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator (PDAA) issued an email to the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) on November 6, 2016, requesting information on the following:
  - What other or modified priorities/areas should OEI include in its FY 2018-2019 Guidance?
  - Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for how OEI can improve its early engagement process with the states?

The information below depicts an overview of the comments received for consideration in developing OEI's FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance.

## Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group

### Date of Contact

November 3, 2016

### Venue

Written feedback

## Overview of Comments Received for Consideration in OEI's FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance

- Exchange Network information regarding the specifics of cooperative agreements provided to “collaborating organizations”
- The relationship between Exchange Network and E-Enterprise
- Clarification of information related to the Partnerships Action Plan and Tradeoffs Guidance that are relevant to Exchange Network grants and projects
- The effort to engage other program offices at EPA more consistently with regard to Exchange Network (and now E-Enterprise) activities
- The EPA 1984 Indian Policy, the EPA Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes Policy, and Executive Order 13175 *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*

## Environmental Council of the States

### Date of Contact

November 30, 2016

### Venue

Written ECOS response to OEI PDAA request

### Overview of Comments Received for Consideration in OEI's FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance

- Environmental Information Exchange Network
- E-Enterprise for the Environment
- Shared Service Strategy
- Continued Focus on Interoperability
- State Roles and Data Collection
- E-Enterprise Portal Governance
- Data Quality
- FOIA Program
- Suggestions for building on OEI's FY16-17 NPM Guidance