

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Grand Ronde Tribal members over age 17 residing in the Grand Ronde/Willamina/Sheridan area and a random selection of community members.

Grand Ronde Tribal members residing in the Six County Service Area.

Grand Ronde Tribal members residing outside of the Six County Service Area.



The Social and Economic Assessment (SEA) information will guide Tribal actions throughout the next five years.

Member response will influence the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's planning process.

Your returned survey is eligible for big cash prizes.

New Survey will Determine Tribe's Future Direction

■ Results could shape the future of Tribal programs; prizes offered.

An opportunity to determine the future direction of the Tribe and its programs will be coming to Grand Ronde in the form of a survey. Every Tribal member over the age of 17 will receive a Social and Economic Community Assessment (SEA) survey and be asked an assortment of questions aimed at establishing the wants and needs of our members. Surveys will be mailed, done by phone and some interviews will be conducted in person.

Substantial prizes will be offered, including one prize of \$500, five prizes of \$250, five prizes of \$100 and various other prizes like logo items and a Pendleton blanket. Surveys must be completed and returned in the allotted time and then prize drawings will be random.

Tribal Council, in response to community input, is encouraging Tribal members to participate in this important step in the Tribe's planning process. Council has endorsed this process as a means to gather vital, timely information through which they will establish goals for both short-term and long-term community growth.

Information gathered from the SEA will be used to create a database. The database will help Tribal Council and the various Tribal programs to do meaningful planning and to establish the Tribe's goal to better serve the membership.

"The membership will be defining the direction of the Tribe by completing the survey and returning it in a timely manner," said Grants Developer Bob McElderry.

McElderry said the SEA is designed to answer fundamental questions like: Why do people live here? Why do people want to move here? How do people see the Grand Ronde Tribe five years from now? How do people describe the Grand Ronde Tribe now?

The answers from the questions will provide a social overview of the communities and groups that will be affected by Tribal planning and a description of changes in the communities based on their traditional relationship to the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Ideally, the SEA will be an information tool that will provide the Tribal Council with the needs, wants and opinions of Tribal members. The SEA will assist the Tribe's Policy and Planning department with their new five-year plan. The plan would look

at the viability of future Tribal social and economic projects.

"This is the community's opportunity to provide direction for the Tribe," said Self-Governance Coordinator Janell Haller. "The effects of the Tribal social programs and its economic enterprise programs extend far beyond the exterior boundary of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation or the local communities of Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan."

Northwest Economic Associates of Vancouver, Washington has been selected to assist the Tribe's Policy and Planning department with the SEA. Northwest Economic Associates will provide professional expertise — including survey design and statistical analysis.

Internship Opportunity

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking a Tribal member, or possibly two, to assist Northwest Economic Associates in conducting the Social and Community Assessment. One intern position would entail working closely with the consulting team to contact and interview community members. Ideally this person would live in the Grand Ronde, Willamina, Sheridan area. The time involved would be 5-10 hours per week from about mid September to mid November.

The second intern position would involve assisting Northwest Economic Associates with the writing, distribution, and analysis of the community assessment survey. The intern would need to be able to work in the NEA offices in Vancouver, Washington. This opportunity could be especially beneficial to a college student working in any area of health, economics, or community development, as the intern will gain valuable research experience while learning a great deal about the Tribe. This second position would involve a commitment of 10-20 hours per week throughout September and October. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Janell Haller, Program Planning and Policy department at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2252 as soon as possible.