

NATIONAL *Tribal Development* ASSOCIATION



Dedicated to empowering American Indian and Alaskan Native communities by creating socio-economic opportunities

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the economic viability of American Indian and Alaskan Natives by developing cooperative relationships with private sector, public sector and Native organizations in establishing a foundation for self-sustaining socio-economic development initiatives.



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THE BEGINNING

The National Tribal Development Association (NTDA) was established in 1995 by a group of fifteen tribal leaders, who came together from different regions of Indian country, in order to advance their common interest in the development of tribal economies.



THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE

The Tribal leaders decided to create a national association of tribes for the following purposes:

1. To formulate an action agenda for reservation based economic development and to advance this agenda through the combined efforts of our member tribes.



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2. To organize, in coordination with all other tribal organizations, a data base comprised of tribal business profiles into a national network.



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3. To develop a “State of the Art” computer based communications service that will link the members of the association and their business into a national network.



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4. To commission business and economic research on issues and topics that are relevant to Indian Country economic development and tribal policy makers.



