



# Native American Handicrafts Discussion Forum (3rd)



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We collectively acknowledge that Michigan State University occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. In particular, the University resides on Land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw. We recognize, support, and advocate for the sovereignty of Michigan’s twelve federally-recognized Indian nations, for historic Indigenous communities in Michigan, for Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and for those who were forcibly removed from their Homelands. By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Michigan State University more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.



# Goals

- Tribal Economy
- Building Partnerships
- Recommendations
- Resources



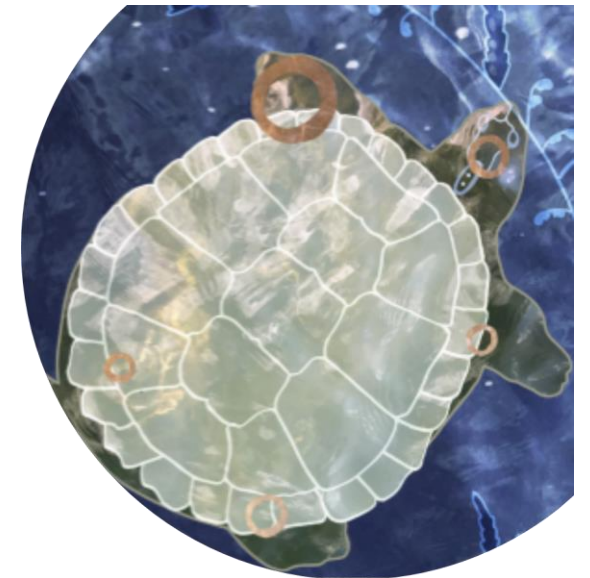
**Art by:** Elizabeth LaPene, Ph.D. is an award-winning designer, writer, artist, and researcher who creates and studies Indigenoused media, such as games and comics. She is Anishinaabe with family from Bay Mills, Métis, and Irish.



# Tribal Economy

- Tribal Government:
  - Departments
  - Economic Development
    - Corporations
    - Boards
    - Business
    - Enterprises
      - 8(a)
- Tribal Colleges
- Tribal citizens/members and families
- Business partners
- Consumer
- Tribal, Local, State, Federal
- Environment
- Culture
- Beliefs

Handi-crafts are throughout!





# Building Partnerships

- Individual experiences
- This is not a do's and don'ts list
- Take the time to build a relationship
- Various tribal departments
- Attend community functions
- Understand that names, colors, image, practices and are more are important...talk with tribal nation, communities, and people
- Familiarize self with the history
- Be flexible and available
- Be honest and genuine
- Listen and address own assumptions
- Meet the Elders and youth to establish a relationship
- Read governing documents
- Each tribe has their own set of traditions
- You are not the expert tribal nations and tribal communities are
- Governments vary between the tribes



# Recommendations:

- Attend tribal conferences:
  - AIANTA
- Attend tribal community and nation events
- Tribal tourism associations
- Tribes themselves
- Invite tribal vendors:
  - Provide financial support to increase participation
  - From tribal governments
  - From tribal enterprises
  - Tribal members/citizens/family members

- Continue doing your own work:
  - Education
  - Training
  - Visiting
  - Listening
  - Inviting
- Tribal Liaison Position:
  - Create in partnership with tribes
  - FUND the position long term
  - FUND travel, education etc.





# Resources

- [8\(a\) Business Development program- US Small Business Administration](#)
- [Procurement Opportunities for Federally Recognized Tribes 4.8.19](#)
- [NAI Economic Development](#)
- [Sustainable Development Institute- College of Menominee Nation](#)
- [Reciprocal Research: A Guidebook to Centering Community in Partnerships with Indigenous Nations](#)
- [BIA Division Economic Development](#)
- [American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association](#)
- [Tribal Business News](#)
- [MSUE Tribal Education](#)
- [Native American Tourism of Wisconsin](#)
- [First American Art Magazine](#)





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