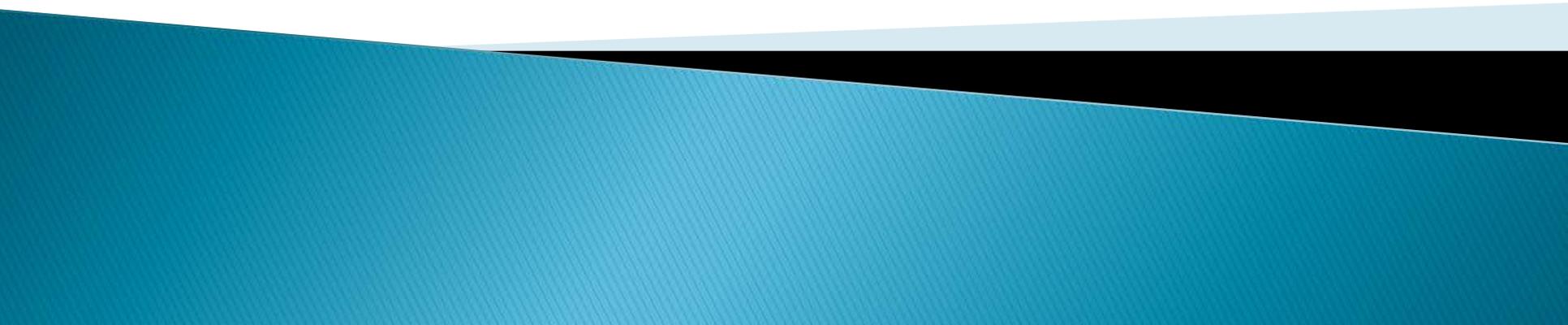


CONSULTATION TOPIC #1

The 2014 JOM Student Count



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WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL ISSUE OR CHANGE ?

The distribution of JOM funding for 2015, 2016 and future years to come will be affected by the outcome of the JOM tribal consultation on how the BIE should finalize the 2014 student count to allocate JOM funding.



The 2014 JOM Student Count

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR PROPOSING THIS ISSUE OR CHANGE?

To provide information to participants about the:

1. Various factors that affected the 2014 JOM student count; and
2. Results of the 2014 count; and
3. To consult on how the BIE should finalize the 2014 JOM student count to allocate JOM funding for 2015, 2016 and for years to come thereafter.

The 2014 JOM Student Count

WHAT IS THE CURRENT OPTION BEING CONSIDERED BY THE BUREAU:

The BIE proposes to accept all JOM student counts collected from all original and prospective JOM contractors who submitted a count on or before the deadline of December 31, 2014; and to use those counts to allocate the JOM funding for 2015, 2016 and thereafter.



General facts associated with the 2014 student count

The 2014 JOM roster includes 556 contractors nationwide.

The 2014 final student count = 341,12

- This is an increase of 19,853 students over the 2012 count.
- The 2012 final student count = 321,273

399 contractors submitted a 2014 count.

- 249 = tribal contractors submitted a 2014 count.
- 150 = non-tribal contractors submitted a 2014 count.
- 157 = total JOM contractors who **did not** submitted a 2014 count (138 tribal & 19 non-tribal programs)
- There were 49 less contractors who submitted a count in 2014.

Factors that Affected the 2014 Student Count

- ▶ Not all JOM contractors (original and the prospective) submitted a 2014 student count before the December 31, 2014 deadline.
 - Some were original contractors from 1995.
 - Some were prospective contractors who were added in 2012.
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Factors that Affected the 2014 Student Count

Some figured if they submitted a 2012 count they didn't have to submit a 2014 student count.

There were new prospective contractors who submitted a student count for the first time in 2014. Some of these new contractors submitted data before and after the deadline. The same occurred for the 2012 count.

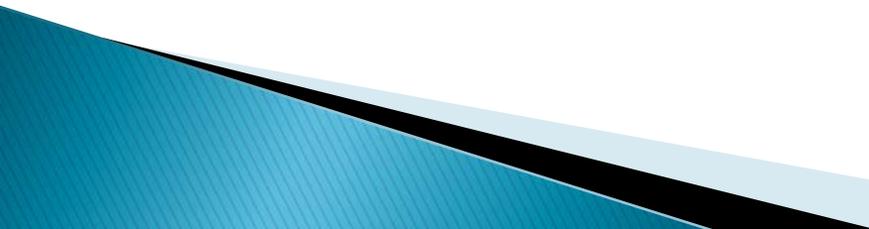
Factors that Affected the 2014 Student Count

- ▶ In some cases, original 1995 contractors thought since their student count has been existent for more than 3 years they figured they were “*grandfathered*” in by using their 1996 student count, therefore they did not have to submit a 2012 and/or a 2014 student count.

Factors that Affected the 2014 Student Count

- ▶ Some were under the perception if they turned in a new count their funding level would decrease as opposed to their original count.
 - ▶ In other cases, some contractors never received any type of communication that the BIE was conducting a 2012 or 2014 updated student count.
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Factors that Affected the 2014 Student Count

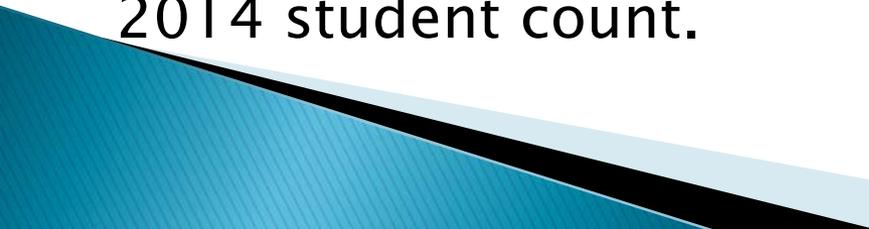
- ▶ For several sites, the personnel turnover rate was high causing new personnel changes and inheriting new program responsibilities; therefore some people:
 - Had no idea what the JOM program was or
 - Simply missed the deadline because they did not know a 2012 or a 2014 JOM student count was being conducted.
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Factors that Affected the 2014 Student Count

Some original JOM contractors' who submitted a count showed a dramatic increase or a decrease of students from their 1995 count as compared to their 2014 count.

These dramatic increases or decreases will impact the funding amounts in 2015, 2016 and thereafter, depending on the results of the consultation that will guide the BIE on how to finalize the 2014 count to allocate the JOM funding; and use those counts to allocate JOM funding for 2015

These are factors that need to be considered for the 2014 student count.



Various submission scenarios for the 2014 JOM student count

CONTRACTOR	1995	2012	2014	Submitted a count
Original	Yes	Yes	Yes	Before or after the deadline, 12/31/14*
Original	Yes	Yes	No	*
Original	Yes	No	Yes	*
Original	Yes	No	No	*
Prospective (new)		Yes	Yes	*
Prospective (new)		Yes	No	*
Prospective (new)		No	Yes	*
Prospective (new)		No	No	May possibly be able to submit a count only IF the outcome results of this JOM consultation agrees to extend the count deadline beyond 12/31/14

THE BIE IS PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING:

The BIE proposes to accept all JOM student counts collected from all original and prospective JOM contractors who submitted a count on or before the deadline of December 31, 2014; and to use those counts to allocate the JOM funding for 2015, 2016 and thereafter.



Comment on the following questions:

For purposes of providing funding for 2015, 2016 and thereafter:

1. Shall the BIE continue to accept student counts from JOM contractors (original or prospective) that did not submit a count before the December 31, 2014 deadline?
 - a. [YES] If so, what date should be the cut-off date for accepting student counts?
 - b. [NO] If not, shall the BIE use the last reported highest student count (whether the 1995 reported count or the 2012 reported count) for all that did not submit a 2014 count?

When Providing Comments

- ▶ Please include the following information:
 - Your First and Last name
 - The name & address of the organization which the respondent represents.
 - The JOM consultation topic being addressed
 - Your comments, suggestions or viewpoints
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Now is the time to

- Ask questions
- Request for more clarification or
- Provide your comments, feedback, view points or suggestions about this topic or options.

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