

## **CONSULTATION TOPIC #2**

**The JOM Funding Methodology  
for FY 2015, FY 2016 and for  
years thereafter.**

## The JOM Funding Methodology Based on the 2014 Updated Count

### **WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL ISSUE FOR THIS TOPIC?**

- The JOM student count and funding for tribal and non-tribal contractors has not changed since 1995.
- Some tribes and organizations representing tribes recognize that the JOM student population has increased since 1995.

# The JOM Funding Methodology Based on the 2014 Updated Count

## **WHAT IS THE REASON FOR PROPOSING THIS ISSUE?**

To determine the JOM funding methodology for FY 2015, FY 2016 and years thereafter.

# The JOM Funding Methodology Based on the 2014 Updated Count

## **WHAT OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE BUREAU?**

- This is where we will start to explain this topic more in detail to assist the participants to better understand the options and topic.
- The factors affecting the 2014 count have already been presented to the audience.
- After the background information, and the current JOM funding formula have been presented, the options will be provided to the audience.

# Background

- In 1995, the BIA conducted the last verified JOM student count for purposes of distribution of the JOM program funds.
- The final 1995 JOM student count listed 271,884 students.
- Each year, JOM funds are transmitted to **tribes** through Self-Determination contracts.
- JOM funds for **public school** contractors are distributed to States or the appropriate Education Line Office (ELO) to place in the state or school district's JOM contract.

# Background

- Annual funding for all JOM contractors (public schools & tribes) continues to be based on the 1995 JOM student count.
- No new JOM contractors have been approved since 1995.
- "The BIE completed a 2012 and a 2014 JOM student count, as directed by the House Appropriations Committee."

# The Current JOM Funding Formula

- In 1988, the Bureau reviewed various methods of equitable funding distribution.
- In 1988, the new minimum weight factor formula was approved by Congress in Public Law 100-446 (the Appropriations Act of September 27, 1988).

# The Current JOM Funding Formula

In 1989 , the minimum weight factor was phased in over a three year period.

- 1989 = States received a minimum weight of 1.1.
- 1990= States received minimum weight factor was 1.2
- 1991 = States received a minimum weight factor was 1.3.

Currently, any state whose weight factor exceeds the 1.3 minimum weight factor established by law, continues to receive the 1.3 weight factor produced by this calculation.

On page 7 & 8 in the JOM consultation booklet, the mathematical calculation formula is provided.

# OPTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR FY 2015 & 2016

**Option 1:** Shall the BIE fund all eligible applicants based on the greater of the 1995, 2012, or 2014 student count? This will be done by:

For FY 2015 and 2016, the BIE will begin by applying the JOM funding formula to JOM contractors that have Indian Self-Determination Act contracts which include JOM funding in the contract “base” (we shall refer to these contractors as **Group A**).

BIE will run the funding formula based on each contractor’s highest submitted student count (1995, 2012 or 2014 student counts) to obtain the amount to award to each contract in **Group A**.

**Group A** contractors will receive their “base” funding as a floor and will receive additional funding above their “base” funding to the extent merited by their highest submitted student count.

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# OPTIONS FOR PROPOSED FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR FY 2015 & 2016

The remaining JOM contractors are public schools and new JOM contractors (we shall refer to these contractors as **Group B**).

The BIE will run the JOM funding formula based on each contractor's highest submitted student count (1995, 2012 or 2014 student counts) to obtain the final amount to award to each contract in **Group B**.

Awards to **Group B** contractors will be made on a *pro rata* basis if remaining funds are insufficient to award to each contract in Group B the full amount that is generated by the JOM funding formula.

# OPTIONS FOR PROPOSED FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR FY 2015 & 2016

**Option 2:** Shall the BIE fund all eligible applicants based on the 2014 JOM student count?

**Option 3:** Shall the BIE fund all eligible applicants based on the greater dollar amount using the 2015 base funding or that generated by either the 2012 or 2014 student count?

**Option 4:** Shall the BIE fund all current contractors at their 2015 base, and all new eligible applicants based on the greater of their 2012 or 2014 child/student count?

**Pro-rata** means that every contractor gets an equal proportion for each share the contractor owns.

**Example:** A \$100 *pro-rata* distribution is paid to the contractors.

Contractor A owns 40%; (will receive \$40)

Contractor B owns 30%; (will receive \$30)

Contractor C owns 20%, (will receive \$20)

Contractor D owns 10%. (will receive \$10)

# OPTION PROPOSED FOR THE FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR YEARS AFTER FY 2016

**Option 1:** Starting in FY 2017, the BIE will begin by applying the JOM funding formula to JOM contractors that have Indian Self-Determination Act contracts which include JOM funding in the contract “base” (we shall refer to these contractors as **Group A**).

The BIE will run the JOM funding formula based on each contractor’s most current submitted student count to obtain the amount to award to each contract in **Group A**.

**Group A** contractors will receive their “base” funding as a floor and will receive additional funding above their “base” funding to the extent merited by their most current submitted student count.

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# OPTION PROPOSED FOR THE FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR YEARS AFTER 2016

The remaining JOM contractors are public schools and new JOM contractors (we shall refer to these contractors as **Group B**).

The BIE will run the JOM funding formula based on each contractor's most current submitted student count to obtain the amount to award to each contract in **Group B**.

Awards to **Group B** contractors will be made on a *pro rata* basis if remaining funds are insufficient to award to each contract in Group B the full amount that is generated by the JOM funding formula.

# OPTION PROPOSED FOR THE FUNDING METHODOLOGY FOR YEARS AFTER 2016

**Option 2:** Starting in FY 2017, the most current submitted student count will be used with the option selected for FY 2015 & 2016.

# 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.

# 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