

Fiscal/Calendar/ School Year Contracts

Tribal Contracts under PL 93-638 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 as amended

Fiscal Year

- The Annual Federal Fiscal Year is effective October 1 through Sept. 30. We can expect the President's Budget to occur sometime between October and several months later.

Fiscal Year

- If the President's Budget is delayed, the Government continues to operate on Continuing Resolutions. These resolutions are generally weeks in length.
- Tribes can expect to receive a notice of delay or tentative allocations based on 75% of previous years funding level.

Fiscal Year

- The BIA will generally proceed with the requisition process but on a limited or “tentative” level of funding throughout the CR period of interim funding.

Fiscal Year Contracts

- FY contracts are aligned with Congressional Fiscal Year (October 1 through Sept. 30)
- FY tribes generally are disadvantaged by the months that it takes to approve the President's Budget.

Calendar Year Contracts

- In 1990 P.L. 93-638 authorized tribes to change their contract period to be aligned with the Calendar Year and are known as Calendar Year (CY) Contracts.
- CY contracts allow Congress three months to approve the President's annual Budget.

School Year Contracts

- School Year Contracts operate from July 1 through June 30. Schools prefer to operate on this cycle due to their operating schedule.

93-638 Contract Period

- Contracting tribes under P.L. 93-638 are not limited to the FY/CY/SY contract periods.
- Tribes can request to have their contract period effective for any period they request in writing.