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## Memorandum

**Date:** January 11, 2013  
**To:** ITBC Membership  
**From:** Jim Stone, Executive Director

The one page concept papers from ITBC member Tribes are **due into ITBC by March 15, 2013**. The one page concept paper is a simple one-page summary of your Tribe's funding needs for your buffalo program for the fiscal year.

### **Instruction for One-Page Concept Papers**

In developing your 1 (one) page concept paper, you should have the following titles included. Your concept paper is requested to be **printed on Tribal letterhead**.

**Date Submitted**  
**Project Title**  
**Coordinator/Department**  
**Contact Person**  
**Project Cost**  
**Goal**  
**Needs**  
**Significance of Buffalo**

Please keep in mind that all the information must fit on one page. **Originals need to be mailed** to the ITBC Office, but faxed copies are accepted provided they are submitted by the deadline and the original will follow. Please fax these to (605) 394-7742.

This is an important submission deadline as it is a strict prerequisite to be eligible to apply for the Herd Development grant funding for your buffalo program in the upcoming fiscal year. Sample of the One Page Concept paper is attached.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the one page concept paper, please contact Jim Stone, Executive Director, at 605-394-9730. Thank you.

**(SAMPLE LETTER)**

**DATE SUBMITTED:** (Date)

**PROJECT:** Inter Tribal Buffalo Council

**COORDINATOR:** Jim Stone, Executive Director  
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**CONTACT:** (Tribal Rep)

**PROJECT COST:** \$198,000

**GOAL:** The goal of the InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) is to build the Coop herd to over 500 head of bison. Today, that herd numbers 165 head thanks to the efforts and assistance of the ITBC member tribes through prior congressional support. The bison have and will be developed to be utilized to provide higher education research resources, cultural uses, ceremonial uses and economic stability to the cooperative. Bison are known to possess many powers, one of which is an extremely healthy red meat alternative. It is hoped that one day we will be able to use the bison to help fight diabetes and other dietary diseases of native people. In the future, when the bison herd reaches the 500 head mark we will have bison surplus to our needs and we may then begin to utilize the bison as an economic avenue to make the Cooperative Bison Project self sufficient from external financial assistance.

**NEEDS:** The Coop bison project requires fencing of 22,000 acres of pastureland, the development of several reliable water sources, the construction of a large corral and squeeze chute for the handling needs of the bison. In addition, the restoration of native vegetation and minimal harvesting of supplemental winter hay requires tractors and appropriate attachments. A 4X4 ATV with accessories is also needed for routine repairs of fences and general herd maintenance.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF BISON:** Since time immemorial, the bison was honored by the Native people of our member tribes for providing them with the material and physical sustenance to survive. Today, the Native people remain undaunted in their efforts to return those life-giving qualities to the bison, in order to ensure the physical link to cultural and spiritual identity for future generations. The belief and philosophy of the community, on caring for the bison, is one of spiritual reciprocity. In a sense, caring for the bison ensures our survival and spiritual benefit, and allows us to grow and prosper in all respects as Native People.

***Please print your one page concept paper on Tribal Letterhead***