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Gentlemen,  
In Alaska and across Indian country we have many excellent businesses that supply items that are excluded from the Indian Incentive Program as they supply commercial products to contractors working on DoD contracts,

They supply fuels. They stock commissary shelves. They supply the materials for the repair and building of our bases. They sell the fiber that surrounds our state and nation. They are called on for any number of commercial products.

Yet, they are excluded from offering the Indian Incentive Option to their customers. I have made inquires and found nothing to justify this exclusion.

The Indian Incentive Program is funded to provide incentives to large primes and other partners and subcontractors to use the Indian Owned Economic Enterprises for DoD contracts. We feel it should apply to all level of subcontracting offered to Indian Owned Economic Enterprises.

In the evolution of the government procurements, the policy has been toward "commercial items". This policy exclusion seems very schizophrenic to us. You want commercial goods but you exclude them from the Indian Incentive Program.

Please reconsider this exclusion of commercial items. Any concerns you may have about the implementation of this program by our Indian Owned Economic Enterprises can be addressed in regulations.

Please remove that exclusion and help our Native American and Alaska Native Entities grow. It's good business.

Sincerely,

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