



Rapid River News

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Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)!

The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

Progress in Muskegon

"This is another big step for the Little River Band and the Muskegon community to bring economic development to the region," said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. "The tribe was encouraged by the large turn out and positive feedback at the public scoping hearing last fall.

The community feedback was important to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' ability to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the project."

You can read more Online <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/muskegon-progress/>

Election Regulations 2016

Tribal Election Board approved their new, updated regulations. The new regulations have been posted on the website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov.

Board Openings

At this time there are two openings on the Casino Board of Directors, any tribal member is free to apply. A thorough background check must be completed. For more details, please contact Mary Thomas at 1-231-398- 6824

Membership Meeting Dates for 2016 & 2017

(Call the Casino hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations).

Ogema Meet 'N Greet always the Friday night before the meeting at 7 p.m.

April 9th, 2016 & October 8th, 2016

April 8th, 2017 & October 7th, 2017

Treaty Recognition Day, March 28th - **Government Offices Closed**

Spring Fire and Teachings April 6th – 9th

Midwest Peacemaking Conference June 8th through 10th

Jiingtamok July 2nd & 3rd

Indian Village Youth Camp

(first camp) July 14th through 17th

The dates for the popular Indian Village Youth Camp have been announced.

Two camps will be held with the first in July on the 14th through the 17th.

The second is going to be in August from the 11th through the 14th. Watch for more details to come.

Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp July 30th & 31st

Indian Village Youth Camp (2nd camp) August 11th through 14th



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Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

LRCR Board Sessions for 2016

Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited.

March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am.

Those sessions are scheduled for March 25, 2016.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Housing Department

Mailing Address: 2608 Government Center Drive

Physical Address: 2953 Shaw Be Quoung

Manistee, Michigan 49660

(231) 723-8288

Posted: Clinic

Justice Center

Government Front Office

Tribal Council

Natural Resources

Aki Community Center

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Little River Band Housing Department has prepared their 2015 Annual Performance Report (APR) for HUD to meet our Annual Reporting Requirements.

If you would like to review and/or comment on this report it will be available at the Housing Department office for 30 days starting on February 2, 2016 - March 2, 2016 Monday Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi@nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department
Check the website at www.lrboi@nsn.gov for the latest postings.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application.

Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact

Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboinsn.gov

This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

You can download the Employment Application and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions. Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660

Fax: (231) 398-9101 Email: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



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Tribal Court Docket

(Subject to additions or deletions)

Thursday, March 3, 2016 Judge Sherigan

08:30 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 16029NA Closed Hrg.
10:00 a.m. Sprau v. LRCR 14232GC Trial

Friday, March 4, 2016 Judge Sherigan

08:30 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 16040NA Closed Hrg.
10:00 a.m. Sprau v. LRCR 14232GC Cont. Trial

Monday, March 7, 2016 Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. LRB v. Campbell & Lewis 15262 & 15263TM Trial
02:00 p.m. Miller v. Miller 09253DM Show Cause
03:00 p.m. Housing v. Wilson 16044LT Landlord/Tenant

Friday, March 18, 2016 Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 07188NA Review Hrg.

Monday, March 21, 2016 Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. LRB v. Pete, J. 14059TM Show Cause

Key:

- CO Cora Offense/Conservation
- CS Child Support
- CT Civil Ticket
- DM Divorce with children
- DO Divorce w/o children
- EA Enrollment Appeal
- EB Election Board Appeal
- EM Emancipation of Minor
- FJ Foreign Judgment
- FSJ Foreign Support Judgment
- GA Gaming Appeal
- GC General Civil
- GM Guardianship of Minor
- GR Employment Matter
- JC Judicial Complaint
- JV Juvenile
- LT Landlord Tenant
- NA Neglect Abuse
- NC Name Change
- PF Probate
- TPO Personal Protection Order
- TA Trust Access
- TM Tribal Misdemeanor
- WC Workmen's Compensation

**COURT OFFICES CLOSED FOR
TREATY RECOGNITION ON
MONDAY, MARCH 28TH**

LRBOI Commerce Commission / Commerce Department

Your Tribal Commerce Commission and Commerce Department would like to introduce you to the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC). From Business Plan Development to strategy on Raising Capital, Financial Management and Technology Commercialization, they can provide free or low cost help that can get your business off to a successful start. Visit SBDCMichigan.org

LRBOI Warriors Society

Commander—John Shano
ViceCommander—Leonard Rittenhouse
Secretary—Virg Johnson
Treasurer—Open
Sergeant at Arms—Chuck Nelson
Chaplain—Chuck Fisher

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



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Departments	Location	Phone numbers
Accounting	government center -main entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	government center -main entrance	231.398.6815
Commodities	aki maadiziwin -community center	231.398. 6715
Education	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	government center-main entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	government center-lower level	231.398.6636
Family Services	government center- clinic entrance	231.398.6734
Gaming Commission	interim casino	231-723-7755
Grants Department	government center- main entrance	231.398.6843
Health Clinic	government center -north end	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	government center-lower level	231.398.6891
Housing	aki maadiziwin -gommunity center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	government center- main entrance	231.398.6871
Members Legal Asst.	justice center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	government center-main entrance	231.398.6718
Natural Resources	9th street offices manistee	231.398.2191
Peacemaking/Probation	justice center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	government center -main entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	justice center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	government center- main entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	justice center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	government center -main entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	dontz road (near aki maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	government center-main entrance	231.398.6842
Tribal Court	justice center on M22	231-398-3406

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information.



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Tax Alert!

Please note that when preparing your taxes (even by a certified tax professional), make sure your per capita payments are recorded properly. It has been reported to the Tax Office Some tax offices have **not** been filing returns correctly when it comes to per capita income.

According to the "Tax Agreement Between The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan", § IV (A) (9) "All per capita payments by the Tribe to Resident Tribal Members are exempt without regard to the source of payment."

There is a difference between the definition of a Tribal Member and a Resident Tribal Member. A Tribal Member is defined as "An individual who is an enrolled member of the Tribe." According to the Tax Agreement, the definition of a Resident Tribal Member is "A Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area." The key factor here is that you **must be a Resident Tribal Member**. Also, the definition of the Agreement Area is "The area designated as such in Appendix A of the Agreement." Appendix A defines the area as:

Manistee County:

Survey sections 24, 25, 35, and 36 in T22N, R17W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R16W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R15W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R14W; survey sections 19-21 and 28-33 in T22N, R13W; survey sections 1-3 and 10-15 in T21N, R17W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R16W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R15W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R14W; and survey sections 4-9 and 16-18 in T21N, R13W; and

Mason County:

T18N, R16W; and T17N, R16W

The Tax Agreement can be referenced through the Tribe's website, under the Tax Department, at www.lrboi-nsn.gov or through the State of Michigan Treasury website at http://www.michigan.gov/taxes/0,4676,7-238-43513_43517-155416--,00.html and includes Frequently Asked Questions as well as forms and notices.

If you live within the Agreement Area and have changed your address with Enrollment, it does not mean you are automatically a Resident Tribal Member; you must provide a Proof of Residency. If you are not sure of your member status and would like to find out, please contact Valerie Chandler, Staff Accountant / Tax Officer at (231) 723-8288, ext. 6874 or toll-free at (888) 723-8288, ext. 6874 or email vchandler@lrboi-nsn.gov. Miigwech!

Commission Openings

Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees. The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered. Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

Why 1st Tribal Lending



1st Tribal Lending is comprised of the most experience HUD Section 184 lending team in the nation. Much of our staff has been in the HUD Section 184 industry for greater than ten years. Our underwriters were among the first in the nation to become approved to directly underwrite this loan product.

The 1st Tribal Lending team has successfully closed thousands of HUD Section 184 loans across the nation. Within this amazing volume of lending, loans on the reservation, off the reservation, site built construction, manufactured homes, and purchases on and off the reservation, and refinances for a multitude of purposes have been successfully funded. Some lenders do only one or two of these options. 1st Tribal can do them all!

1st Tribal Lending 2401 - D San Pablo Dr. Pinole, CA 94564
Toll Free: (866) 235-4033 Main # (510) 856-2184



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Elder Meal Menu AKI Maadiziwin Community Center



General Information

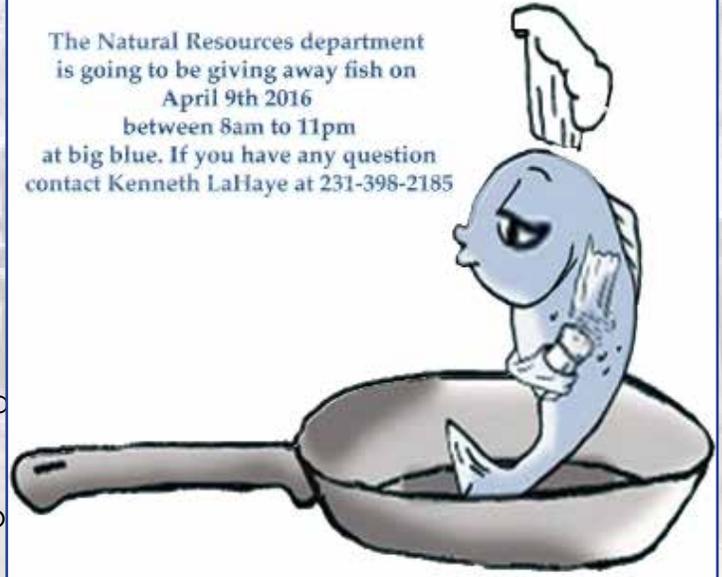
Meals served at Noon
No Charge to Elders, their Spouse and Handicapped individuals who reside with Elder
Guest Meals are \$6.00
Donations are appreciated and will be used for activities and food.

Tip of the Month—Practice Portion Control 1 hamburger (without bun) = a deck of cards

- 1 cup fries = about 10 fries
- 4 oz nachos = about 7 chips
- 3 oz meatloaf = deck of cards
- 1 cup chili = baseball
- 1 sub sandwich = about 6 inches
- 1 burrito = about 6 inches



The Natural Resources department is going to be giving away fish on April 9th 2016 between 8am to 11pm at big blue. If you have any question contact Kenneth LaHaye at 231-398-2185



Activities:

Mondays—Language Class
Wednesdays -Wii Bowling
Bingo—Thursday the 10th
March 18 - Muskegon Lunch

Please contact Noelle Cross with any questions 231-398-6886

Email: ncross@lrboi-nsn.gov

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Goulash Cauliflower & Dessert	2 Chili Cornbread & Dessert	3 Club Sandwich Veggies, Fruit Salad, Jell-O	4	5 Elder Committee Meeting Lunch Served
6	7 Baked Chicken Sweet Potato Green Beans &	8 Chili Dogs Macaroni Salad & Dessert	9 Baked Cod Mac n Cheese Broccoli & Dessert	10 Pot Roast Red Potato Corn & Dessert	11	12
13 Day light saving time! Spring Forward!!! 	14 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Corn, Roll & Dessert	15 Chicken Pot Pie & Dessert	16 Tuna Casserole Peas & Dessert	17 Corned Beef Cabbage & Carrots & Dessert 	18 Muskegon Meal Please RSVP Noelle @ 231-398-6886	19
20 First Day of Spring!	21 BBQ Chicken Rice Mixed Veggie &	22 Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potato Green Bean &	23 Beef Hotdogs Baked Beans Peas & Carrots	24 Breakfast for Lunch	25	26
	28 Tribal Holiday - Offices Closed for Treaty Recognition	29 Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat, Broccoli, breadsticks &	30 Pork Roast, Red Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Dessert	31 Hamburger, Potato Salad, Corn & Dessert	Menu subject to change with out notice. Meals meet 1/3 of the RDI based on a 1600 to 2000	



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: NEW COMMUNITY PAVILION AND RESIDENCES
Aki maadiziwin

OWNER: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a Federally Recognized Sovereign Indian Tribe

PROJECT LOCATION: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Reservation

BID PLACE AND TIME

Sealed bids for the project will be received as follows:

LOCATION: Housing Department
Aki maadiziwin Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quong
Manistee MI 49660

DATE AND TIME: 4:00 PM Local Time
Thursday, March 24, 2016

Bids received thereafter will not be considered.
Bids will be publicly opened at that time.

PREBID MEETING

A pre-bid meeting with representatives of the Owner and Architect will be conducted as follows:

LOCATION: Housing Department
Aki maadiziwin Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quong
Manistee MI 49660

DATE AND TIME: 10:00 AM Local Time
Thursday, March 3, 2016

DOCUMENTS ON FILE

The Drawings and Project Manual may be examined at the following places:

The Design Forum Inc., Architects/Planners, 560 Fifth St. NW, Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504.
The Housing Department at the Aki maadiziwin Community Center, at the address noted above.
Builders and Traders Exchange, Grand Rapids and Traverse City Michigan.



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DOCUMENT DEPOSIT

Prospective bidders may obtain electronic sets of Drawings and Project Manuals from the Architect free of charge.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

The Owner may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work. The Owner may request the bidder to furnish all such information and data for this purpose.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract.

BID SECURITY

A certified check or bidder's bond or an irrevocable letter of credit, payable to the Owner for the sum of not less than 5% of the amount of the bid, will be required with each bid to secure the Owner from loss or damage by reason of withdrawal of the bid or the failure of the bidder to enter into a Contract.

If the successful bidder fails to furnish satisfactory bonds and/or insurance within 10 days after notice of award, such security shall be forfeited as liquidated damages to the Owner to compensate for losses due to delay and/or increased costs of the work. The securities of the three lowest bidders will be retained until the bonds and insurance of the successful bidder have been approved by the Owner. The securities of other bidders will be returned within 10 days after bid opening.

ACCEPTANCE

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Owner is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids and to accept any one or combination of alternate bids in the interest of the Owner.

WITHDRAWAL

Any Bidder may withdraw a bid at any time prior to scheduled deadline for Owner's receipt of bids. No bid may be withdrawn or modified within a 60-day period from the time of its presentation.

WAGE RATES

Prevailing wages are to be paid on this project in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. Refer to the General Conditions for Construction Contracts – Public Housing Programs form HUD-5370 (1/2014).

ASBESTOS-FREE CERTIFICATION

No asbestos-containing materials shall be purchased or installed as any part of this project. The Contractor will be required to certify that no asbestos-containing materials have been placed in this project.



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Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday April 9, 2016

Friday April 8, 2016 7 pm – 9 pm	Ogema Meet & Greet	Little River Casino Resort Three Fires Conference Center
Saturday April 9, 2016 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Little River Casino Resort Event Center

Meeting Agenda

8 a.m. – Registration Begins	Located in the Event Center
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths	Hallway – Three Fires Conference
10:00 a.m. Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations Opening of meeting	Event Center
12 p.m.	Lunch Served Information booths close Event Center
1 p.m. – Official meeting begins - Quorum Call	
Question and Answer Period will follow	
Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home	
Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema’s discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~	



Little River Charity Golf Classic

MANISTEE, MI. – Little River Casino Resort is pleased to announce that its 17th Charity Golf Classic will take place on Friday, July 8, 2016. This

annual event features a day of interactive golf complete with prizes, a gift raffle and live music with a spotlight on area charitable community service organizations to benefit from this year’s event proceeds.

The casino resort underwrites all costs associated with the event and donates 100% of all monies received from participant fees and sponsorship funds raised. In 2015 \$59,500 was distributed to six charitable organizations and has distributed over \$670,000 since its inaugural event in 1999.

Charitable 501(c)(3) community service organizations located within the Manistee area are encouraged submit an application for consideration to receive a share of the 2016 event proceeds.

Eligible organizations may contact Chad Eckhardt, LRCR Player Development Manager, to receive an application form. The deadline for applications for consideration is Friday, April 15, 2016.

Contact Chad Eckhardt at chade@lrcr.com or call (231) 398-3821 for details.



P.O. Box 766 | Dowagiac, MI 49047
Sean Winters, Executive Director
(269) 783-4157 Work (269) 783-6741 Cell
(269) 783-2494 Fax

CHI ISHOBAK

www.chiishobak.org

Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee-ish-oh-bock) means "Big Cabbage" in Pokagon and is a Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established to offer products and services to build capacity for Tribal Citizens in the areas of professional and personal finance.



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STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2015/16

Instructions

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the Program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2015/2016 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2016 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians in Wilson, MI

VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY !!!

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address **not later than 5:00 PM on April 1, 2016:**

*Leann Stindt
103 Big Bear Rd.*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(S)

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Manistee Michigan

PURPOSE: Contractual agreement with individuals to provide workshops and instructions to provide workshops and instructions for the following:

Regalia Making
Quilwork
Bakery
Beadwork

PROPOSAL DUE DATE:
March 7th, 2016

CONTACT: Requests for bid packets shall be delivered to Michelle Lucas. Purchasing Supervisor at (231) 398-6804 or mlucas@lrboi.com