

# MN State Agency Tribal Liaisons

Cabinet agencies within Minnesota State government have tribal liaison positions and/or designated points of contact when it comes to matters that impact the tribes. Simply put, their role is to address broad-scale opportunities or challenges, in order to promote and successfully implement government-to-government relations between the agency and tribal nations.

For more information, refer to [Minnesota Statute, section 10.65](#) and the respective agency's policy on government-to-government relations with Tribal Nations.

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- Contact information for agency tribal liaisons can be found on the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) website at <https://mn.gov/indianaffairs/>