INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER/PRODUCER

Part-time contract position for a public media news collaboration

Native Public Media, Koahnic Broadcast Corp. and the Mountain West News Bureau are launching a collaboration to examine climate change’s impact on tribal communities. We’re looking for an Indigenous affairs reporter/producer to provide and manage content that will be broadcast in a weekly short-form radio show and accompanying podcast.

The reporter/producer will develop features, two-ways and other content that will run on the show and may also be offered to NPR, Here & Now, Marketplace and other national shows. They will work with an Indigenous editor and interact with staffers from KNBA/Anchorage and the Mountain West News Bureau, a collaboration of a half-dozen NPR member stations. They also will work with the show’s host on weekly scripts.

This is a part-time, contract position, which allows some flexibility with the bureau’s standard workday – 9-to-5 Mountain Time. It is a remote position. The contracting will be handled by Boise State Public Radio, the lead station in the Mountain West News Bureau.

We expect at least two years of grant funding to help offset the costs of this position.

Please send resume, cover letter and two work samples to Dave Rosenthal, managing editor of the Mountain West News Bureau, at daverosenthal@boisestate.edu. The deadline is June 12, and interviews may be conducted on a rolling basis. Contact Dave Rosenthal with any questions.

Duties include:

– coordinating with editor and host on planning of weekly broadcasts

– developing features, two-ways and other content for the weekly show

– creating web versions of features, two-ways and other content
Required skills:

– knowledge of climate change and the many ways that Indigenous communities are affected by it. Topics include health, agriculture, wildfire and water access.

– competence in audio reporting; ability to research, report and produce high-quality radio features and two-ways

– experience working independently and in a team environment, and interacting with people in a positive, professional manner.

– strong journalistic ethics

– familiarity with public radio programming

– plus a preference for the knowledge of content management systems such as Grove, used by most NPR stations

About the collaborators:

Koahnic Broadcast Corp. is a nonprofit media organization that produces and distributes Native and Indigenous content through Alaska Native governance and operation. It produces National Native News, Native America Calling and INDIGEFI, and owns and operates KNBA (90.3 FM) in Anchorage.

Native Public Media is a network of more than 60 tribal radio and television stations. It provides services that encourage the expansion and strengthening of Native media through platforms that are community-based, local, and democratic. These include broadcast licensing guidance, FCC and Corporation for Public Broadcasting compliance, station operations guidance, legal guidance, broadcast leadership training and education, and telecommunications and communications policymaking.

The Mountain West News Bureau is a collaboration of NPR member stations covering six states along the Rockies. It includes Boise State Public Radio, Nevada Public Radio, Wyoming Public Radio, KUNC (Greeley, CO), KUNR (Reno), KANW (Albuquerque) along with a number of affiliate stations. The lead station is Boise State Public Radio in
Idaho. This regional news collaboration has received some support from the Corporation of Public Broadcasting since its founding in 2018.