## Tribal Nations in North Dakota

# **Key Assets for Economic & Cultural Growth**











## MHA

- · Natural Resources:
  - Energy reserves, including Thunder Butte Petroleum Renewable energy projects
- Agriculture:
  - NG2 Greenhouse Project promoting sustainability
- Cultural Tourism:
  - Rich cultural heritage with opportunities for tourism development
- Infrastructure Strengths:
  - Excellent highway access

## Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

- Gaming & Attractions:
- Dakota Magic Casino and Lake Traverse
- Entrepreneurial Spirit:
  - Strong interest in fostering small businesses
- Cultural Resources:
  - Opportunities to enhance cultural tourism
- Infrastructure Needs:
  - Addressing housing shortages to support workforce growth

## **Spirit Lake Nation**

- Gaming & Manufacturing:

  o Spirit Lake Casino and Sioux Manufacturing Corporation
  Agriculture & Tourism:
- - Food sovereignty initiatives
    Opportunities in environmental
- Infrastructure Gaps:
  - Transportation and childcare challenges impacting workforce participation

## Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

- Gaming & Tourism:

   Prairie Knights Casino and Grand River Casino
   Cultural and environmental tourism
  - potential
- Cultural Assets:
   Rich history and traditions offer educational and tourism opportunities
- Infrastructure Needs:
   Addressing housing and transportation barriers to unlock

## Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

- - Manufacturing & Gaming:

    Sky Dancer Casino
    Turtle Mountain Manufacturing
- **Cultural Opportunities:** 
  - Developing tourism and supporting
- small businesses Centralized Infrastructure:
  - Resources in Belcourt provide a foundation for economic growth

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## Tribal Nations in North Dakota Key Recommendations

#### Workforce Development

- Expand customer service, technology, and vocational training
- Collaborate with universities for healthcare and leadership programs

#### Economic Growth

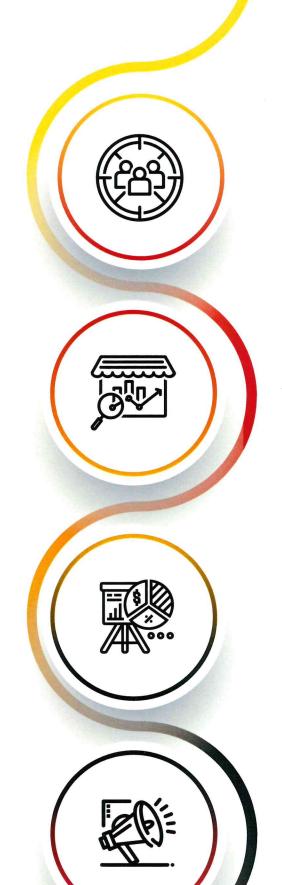
- Invest in marketing cultural assets for tourism
- Promote renewable energy and small business incubation

#### Infrastructure Improvements

- Build affordable housing and develop public transportation options
- Expand childcare facilities to support working families

#### Community Engagement

- Partner with federal/state agencies and educational institutions
- Leverage financial literacy programs like the Bank of North Dakota's Smart Money initiative





### Tribal Nations in North Dakota Workforce Needs

#### **Skill Gaps**

- Common Across Tribes: Customer service, technology literacy, trades, and healthcare
- Specialized Needs: Law enforcement, healthcare providers, and advanced trades



- MHA Nation: Renewable energy and advanced trades
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe: IT, healthcare, hospitality
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate: Skilled trades) (plumbing, carpentry
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chiippewa: Leadership, technology, and vocational training
- Spirit Lake Nation: Agriculture, hospitality, and healthcare

#### Barriers to Workforce Development

- Housing & Transportation: Major issue across all tribes
- Childcare: Insufficient for working parents, especially during nonstandard hours
- Educational Access: Limited advanced training facilities and programs







