Where the Money Goes
Building the Local Economy

Cherokee Nation is the largest Native American tribe in the U.S. with more than 385,000 citizens. More than one-third of those citizens reside within Cherokee Nation’s 7,000-square-mile Oklahoma jurisdiction. To maintain self-reliance and economic stability, Cherokee Nation strives to create meaningful jobs and develop a vibrant hub of industry and commerce in Oklahoma.

Cherokee Nation Businesses (CNB) is the board-governed holding company that builds Cherokee Nation’s economy – a diverse, economic portfolio for which Cherokee Federal contributes greatly. Cherokee Federal, a division of CNB, is a team of tribally owned federal contracting companies, many of which are 8(a) and/or HUBZone certified. Cherokee Federal generates revenue for Cherokee Nation, creates jobs, and performs award-winning work for government and commercial clients. Cherokee Federal’s goal is to produce profits that will build a stronger economy for Cherokee Nation, solve community-wide problems and empower tribal citizens to serve one another with dignity.


With more than 11,600 employees, Cherokee Nation and its businesses make an annual economic impact in northeast Oklahoma of $2.16 billion. Cherokee Nation and its businesses are engaged in preserving Cherokee culture, contributing to services for tribal citizens, and supporting the local economy through Cherokee Nation’s initiatives, including:

- Investing nearly $100 million to build new & renovate existing Cherokee Nation health care facilities to provide the best care possible for tribal citizens
- Creating nearly 10,000 new jobs since 2000
- Operating the largest tribal health system in the U.S., including a 60-bed hospital, eight outpatient facilities with medical, dental, vision & other health care services
- Supporting Head Start, early childhood classrooms, Sequoyah Schools for grades 7-12 & Cherokee language revitalization programs
- Providing more than $14.6 million in higher education scholarships to more than 4,537 students annually
- Providing $5.7 million annually to Oklahoma schools from car tag sales
- Serving 60,859 households with USDA food assistance & 3,671 households with low income heating & energy assistance
- Building roads, bridges & water lines that benefit all Oklahomans
Serving Cherokee Nation Citizens

FY 2019
Revenue $1.18 Billion
Net Income $147 Million

63% Invested in Cherokee Businesses
- Create jobs in high-growth, high-potential industries
- Partner with industry leaders
- Promote self-sufficiency
- Train & educate Cherokee Nation citizens to fill jobs

37% Invested in Cherokee Programs and Services
- Education
- Health services
- Housing programs
- Social services
- Other services

Cherokee Nation and its businesses have created nearly
10,000
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Cherokee Federal Team of Companies

Cherokee Federal's team of small disadvantaged business entities provide construction, consulting, engineering and manufacturing, health, and technology services for federal and commercial clients. These businesses offer attractive contract vehicles with unique advantages – resulting in a streamlined, responsive contract management process.

**Construction**
- Cherokee CRC
- Cherokee Nation Construction Resources
- Cherokee Nation Construction Services
- Cherokee Nation Development Group
- Cherokee Nation Environmental Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Facilities Management
- Cherokee Nation Mechanical

**Consulting**
- Cherokee Nation 3S
- Cherokee Nation Federal Consulting
- Cherokee Nation Government Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Management & Consulting
- Cherokee Nation Mission Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Solutions Link

**Engineering & Manufacturing**
- Cherokee Nation Aerospace & Defense
- Cherokee Nation Armored Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Industries
- Cherokee Nation Red Wing
- CND

**Health**
- Cherokee Medical Services
- Cherokee Nation Assurance
- Cherokee Nation Diagnostic Innovations
- Cherokee Nation Healthcare Services
- Cherokee Nation Integrated Health
- Cherokee Nation Medical Logistics
- Cherokee Nation Operational Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions

**Technology**
- Cherokee Nation Defense Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Security & Defense
- Cherokee Nation Strategic Programs
- Cherokee Nation System Solutions
- Cherokee Nation Technologies
- Cherokee Services Group
- Cherokee Strategic Solutions