



# Research, Data, Governance, Oh My!

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# A Story...



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# The Standard Approach to Economic Development

1. Short-term, non-strategic
2. Views economic development as an economic problem
3. Instead of building an economy step-by-step, looks for “home runs.”
4. Lets others (usually other governments) set the development agenda
5. Views Indigenous cultures as obstacles to development



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# The Nation-Building Approach to Economic Development

1. **Practical self-rule** (the nation calls the shots)
2. **Capable governing institutions** (back up authority with competence)
3. **Cultural match** (governing institutions match community beliefs about how authority should be organized)
4. **Strategic orientation** (decisions are made with long-term priorities in the mind)
5. **Public-spirited leadership** (instead of politics as boxing ring where factions fight to control the goodness)



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# How Does This Apply to Citizen Entrepreneurship?



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# Resources

- **Native Nations Institute**  
<http://nni.arizona.edu/>
- **Harvard Project for American Indian Economic Development**  
<http://hpaied.org/>
- **Indigenous Government Database**  
<http://www.nnidatabase.org/db/>





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