

Red Lake Nation College

“Partnership for Success”

RLNC Mpls. Site Bonding Bill: SF 1700 HF2343



Transforming Communities

- Red Lake Nation College is...

- A "2-Yr." CC for Natives.

- Unique market niche.

- Vision: Prepare students for bachelor's, master's and beyond, not just 2 years.



Our RLNC Recipe



- **What makes us Unique?**
- **What we do better in educating Natives in Higher Ed.:**
- **“Secret Sauce”:**
- **Small class size, Personalized, 1 on 1 Attention.**
- **“Family College”.**
- **Higher Ed: “Native Perspective” – Values, Pride, Culture, Language.**
- **Mentorship - 1st Generation, 70%+ Native Faculty/Staff, Role Models**

HLC Accreditation

- **The Gold Standard of Accreditation** in the USA is **Regional Accreditation**.
- The **Higher Learning Commission (HLC)** covers 19 states, incl. MN.



The Higher Learning Commission

Excellent Academic Standards

- This means RLNC, meets the same **HIGH QUALITY ACADEMIC STANDARDS** as all other Major Universities!
- We are in the SAME ARENA as:



RLNC Academic Partnerships

- We have **“EASE OF TRANSFER”** For RLNC credits to **ALL MNSCU STATE SCHOOLS.**
- **ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS W/ ALL 4 YR. STATE.**
- **“FEEDER SYSTEM” FOR MN STATE 4 YR. SCHOOLS.**



Proof Our TC System is Working: Results

	USA National	MN State	
	<u>2 Yr. Avg. *</u>	<u>2 Yr. Avg.*</u>	<u>RLNC*</u>
• <u>Persistence Rate</u>	75%	69%	85%
• (Fall to Spring)			
• <u>Retention Rate</u>	61%	--	56%
• (Fall to Fall)			
<u>HS Grad Rate - 4 Yr.</u>	<u>88%</u>	<u>87%</u>	<u>MN Natives: 35-58%</u>

NATIVES SUFFER FROM THE WORST SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATS IN ALL CATEGORIES.

• OUR TRIBAL COLLEGE MODEL SYSTEM WORKS! ROI-MAJOR IMPACT.

• Based on most recent 2021 to 2023 Statistics verified from National public DOE, NCES, State-MN DOE and RLNC Tribal College sources. For All Institutions.

MN Higher Ed Budget Allocations - 2021

	21' MN Budget <u>Allocation</u>	MN % of Their <u>Total Budget</u>
• <u>College System</u>		
• U of M	\$684M	18%
• MN State System	\$353M	76%
• 3 TC's in MN	\$ 0	0%

(RL, LL & W/E)

70% of MN Natives

* ONLY 3 MN Public Higher Ed Schools NOT receiving ANY direct State operational \$'s. **SF636 HF750**

TRANSIT & PARKING MA



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PATH**

**GOLD MEDAL
PARK**

WASHINGTON AVE.

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**MILLS FLEET
FARM PARKING**

**THE COMMONS
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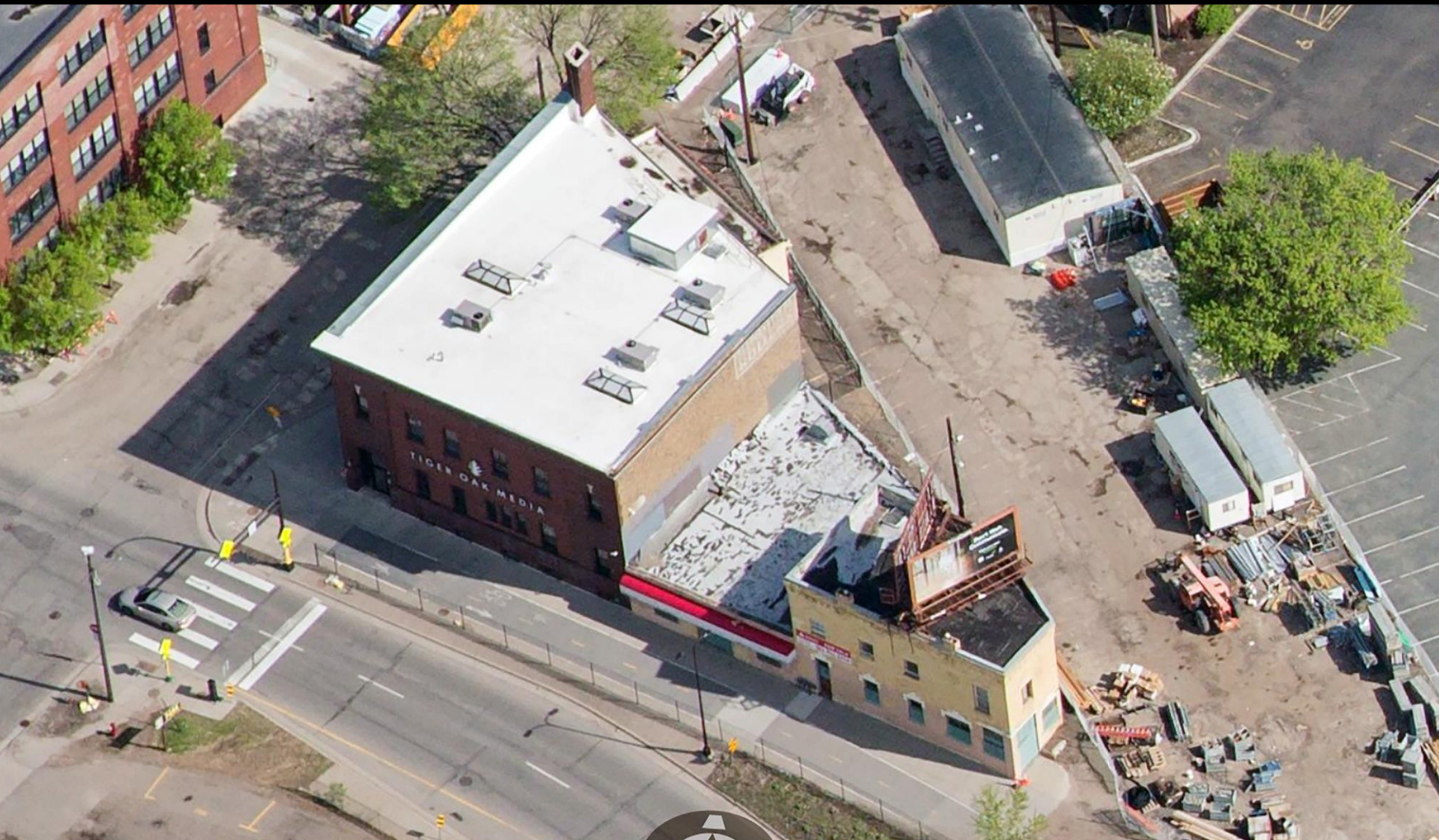
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PARKING**

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**LIGHTRAIL
STATION**

**BIKE/RUNNING
PATH**

**35W HIGHWAY
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RESPECT





New Minneapolis Campus Plans

- Timeline: March to December 2023. 10 months.
- **Tribe paid for 3 buildings in Downtown Mpls. \$4.2M**
- **RLNC used their College/Covid \$ to start reno. \$8.0M**
- **\$12.2**
- **With Inflation, Covid, Material shortages,**
- **Total Costs increased \$3M \$15.2M**
- **This is a \$3M shortage. Final 20% is needed to complete.**



Economic Impact & Job Creation

- This project is \$15.2M.
- Bringing 180 Total jobs.
- 160 construction jobs & 20 RLNC jobs.
- A total of \$11M in sub-contractor vendor payments.
- Brings a \$10M Annual RLNC budget & business to Mpls.
- National AIHEC Conf. in March 2024. 2K visitors. 1 Week.

ECONOMIC
IMPACT AND
JOB CREATION

2015 MN Educational Goal of 70%

- A MN Goal was set by MN Legislature to achieve a 1 Yr. min. post-sec. educational attainment of 70% by 2025.
- Recent 2020 Native Rate was only 28%, lowest of all races.
- RLNC Mpls. Site can impact this “Education Canyon”.



We Need Resources to Affect Change

- THE NATIVE EDUCATION CANYON IN MN IS ROOTED IN ECONOMICS & LACK OF FUNDING.
- UNDER-FUNDING OR “NEVER-FUNDING” RESULTS IN LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE.



MN Support: MN as a FULL PARTNER IN OUR SUCCESS



BILLS SUPPORTING THIS REQUEST: [SF 1700](#). [HF2343](#).

REQUEST "PRIORITY SUPPORT". [BEST ROI \\$3M!](#)

[**Our \\$3M Bonding Bill Request:**](#) To provide \$3M to complete construction/renovation of our RLNC Mpls. Site to serve Natives in the Twin Cities.