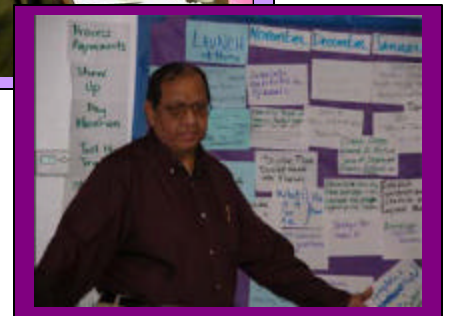


# The Will of the People



The Osage Nation is seeking to create a collective vision by listening to the voice of the people; and realize the vision by way of strategic planning.

Strategic Planning is not new. It is a proven method used by corporations, governments, and business communities. But strategic planning for the Osage Nation is turning into the portrait of a government that allows all of its citizens the opportunity to express their will with their own voice; to allow all citizens a say in the direction of the Tribe to benefit the next generation. The process will be taken to every corner of the Osage reservation, across the country, and to all Osage members.



After a century of operating under a form of government instituted by the United States in 1906, the Osage Nation last year approved a constitution, and elected leaders. Since the election, the members of the First Osage Nation Congress, the Chief and the Assistant Chief have all been working tirelessly to do what other governments have gotten used to, setting up a three branch constitutional government. The new government has already installed a judicial branch, approved budgets to operate all Osage government programs, and also moved strategic to make sure the voices are heard plans for its

The Osage the top oil and America. The by the tribe, produces more anywhere in the The Tribe has four new casinos, and operates some smaller businesses.



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Nation is one of gas producers in rocky soil bought continually oil than nearly United States. recently opened

The will of the people is sought to determine what the best ideas are and lay the ground work for the next 25 years. There is time and room for great ideas to be gathered from the Osage people, and to determine which ideas make the cut. What this means is simple, while there are resources to make some things happen, they are not infinite. So, 250 million dollars worth of great ideas need to be transformed and channeled into about 25-30 million dollars per year. Management structures and philosophies of operation for the

entire government and its business interests directly impact the people of the Osage Nation, and the people who surround the Osage Nation.

A remarkable effort is about to begin for the Osage people, as their government begins to seek the will of the people.