

reservation, pueblo, or Rancheria; any land outside those boundaries that is held by the United States in trust for a tribe or individual Indian or by a tribe or individual Indian with restrictions on alienation; and land owned by an Alaska Native regional or village corporation.

Those who would like to submit a TEDC project proposal must submit an application that includes certain information and, once funding is received must submit reports on how they are using the funding. A complete application must contain the following:

- A formal signed resolution of the governing body of the tribe or tribal energy resource development organization demonstrating authority to apply;
- A proposal describing the planned activities and deliverable products; and
- A detailed budget estimate, including contracted personnel costs, travel estimates, data collection and analysis costs, and other expenses.

The project proposal must include the information about the tribe or tribal energy resource development organization sufficient to allow IEED to evaluate the proposal based on the following criteria:

- (a) Energy resource potential;
- (b) Applicant's energy resource development history and current status;
- (c) Applicant's existing energy resource development capabilities;
- (d) Demonstrated willingness of the applicant to establish and maintain an independent energy resource development business entity;
- (e) Intent to develop and retain energy development capacity within the applicant's government or business entities; and
- (f) Applicant commitment of staff, training, or monetary resources.

The IEED requires this information to ensure that it provides funding only to those projects that meet the goals of the TEDC and the purposes for which Congress provides the appropriations.

## II. Request for Comments

The IEED requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could

minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

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## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0177.

*Title:* Tribal Energy Development Capacity Program Grants.

*Brief Description of Collection:* Indian tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations that would like to apply for TEDC funding must submit an application that includes certain information. A complete application must contain a formal signed resolution of the governing body of the tribe or tribal energy resource development organization, a proposal describing the planned activities and deliverable products; and a detailed budget estimate, including contracted personnel costs, travel estimates, data collection and analysis costs, and other expenses. The IEED requires this information to ensure that it provides funding only to those projects that meet the goals of the TEDC program and purposes for which Congress provides the appropriation. Upon acceptance of an application, the successful applicant must then submit one- to two-page progress reports twice during the grant period summarizing events, accomplishments, problems and/or results in executing the project. A response is required to obtain a benefit.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Indian tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations under 25 U.S.C. 3502.

*Number of Respondents:* 26 per year, on average; 9 project participants each year, on average.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per year for applications; 2 times per year for progress reports.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 40 hours per application; 1.5 hours per progress report.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 1,067 hours (1,040 for applications and 27 for progress reports).

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost:* \$0.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS

**AGENCIES:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0160. This information collection expires November 30, 2014.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 16, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to: Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208-5113; email: [laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov](mailto:laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, telephone (202) 513-7641.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 U.S.C. 43, 36 Stat. 472, *inter alia*, and implementing regulations, at 25 CFR part 5, regarding verification of Indian preference for employment. The purpose of Indian preference is to encourage qualified Indian persons to seek employment with the BIA and Indian Health Service (IHS) by offering preferential treatment to qualified candidates of Indian

heritage. BIA collects the information to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform functions formerly performed as part of the BIA and IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) you are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendent of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States.

## II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

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cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076–0160.

*Title:* Verification of Indian preference for Employment in the BIA and IHS, 25 CFR part 5.

*Brief description of collection:* Submission of this information by Indian applicants for jobs with BIA and IHS allows the Personnel Offices of BIA and IHS to verify that the individual meets the requirements for Indian preference in hiring. Response is required to obtain the benefit of preferential hiring.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Qualified Indian persons who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000 per year, on average.

*Number of Responses:* 5,000 per year, on average.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Time per response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 2,500 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost:* \$6,920 (postage and copying costs).

Dated: July 14, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood (CDIB)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for the Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood (CDIB) authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0153. This information collection expires October 31, 2014.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 16, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the information collection to: Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208–5113; email: [laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov](mailto:laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, telephone (202) 513–7641.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Abstract

BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under the numerous laws authorizing BIA to administer program services to Indians, provided that the individual possess a minimum degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood. When applying for program services authorized by these laws, an applicant must provide acceptable documentation to prove that he or she meets the minimum required degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood. Currently, the BIA certifies an individual's degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood if the individual can provide sufficient information to prove his or her identity and prove his or her descent from an Indian ancestor(s) listed on historic documents approved by the Secretary of the Interior that include blood degree information. To obtain the CDIB, the applicant must fill out an application form and provide supporting documents. BIA is seeking renewal of OMB approval to collect the information necessary to issue CDIBs.

### II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

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