

# **1Supporting Statement A**

## **Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans, 25 CFR 290**

### **OMB Control Number 1076-0152**

**Terms of Clearance:** None.

#### **General Instructions**

A completed Supporting Statement A must accompany each request for approval of a collection of information. The Supporting Statement must be prepared in the format described below, and must contain the information specified below. If an item is not applicable, provide a brief explanation. When the question “Does this ICR contain surveys, censuses, or employ statistical methods?” is checked "Yes," then a Supporting Statement B must be completed. OMB reserves the right to require the submission of additional information with respect to any request for approval.

#### **Specific Instructions**

#### **Justification**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.**

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, Section 2710 (b)(3)(B) requires that net revenues from any Tribal gaming are not to be used for purposes other than, (i) to fund Tribal government operations or programs; (ii) to provide for the general welfare of the Indian Tribe and its members; (iii) to promote Tribal economic development; (iv) to donate to charitable organizations; or (v) to help fund operations of local government agencies. Section 2710 (b)(3) of the IGRA further provides, “that net revenues may be used to make per capita payments to members of an Indian Tribe only if:

- the Indian Tribe has prepared a plan to allocate revenues to uses for Tribal government operations and economic development,
- the plan is approved by the Secretary as adequate, particularly with respect to the uses to fund Tribal government operations and programs and to promote Tribal economic development,
- the interests of minors and other legally incompetent persons who are entitled to receive any of the per capita payments are disbursed to the parents or legal guardian of such minors or legal incompetents in such amounts as may be necessary for the health, education, or welfare, of the minor or other legally incompetent person under a plan

approved by the Secretary and the governing body of the Indian Tribe; and

- the per capita payments are subject to Federal taxation and Tribes notify members of such tax liability when payments are made.”

The regulations implementing these requirements, 25 CFR 290, establish a method for the submission, review and approval of Tribal revenue allocation plans in a timely manner.

Section 290.12 of the regulations establishes what information the Tribal revenue allocation plan must contain.

Section 290.17 of the regulations establishes what documents must be included with the Tribal revenue allocation plan.

Section 290.24 of the regulations establishes that revisions/amendments to a Tribal revenue allocation plan must be submitted for approval in order to ensure compliance with 290.12 and the IGRA.

Section 290.26 of the regulations establishes that revisions or amendments to a previously approved Tribal revenue allocation plan must be submitted for review and approval under these regulations.

**2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection. Be specific. If this collection is a form or a questionnaire, every question needs to be justified.**

Office of Indian Gaming personnel use the information submitted by Indian Tribes as part of the Tribal revenue allocation plans to ensure that the criteria in 25 CFR § 290.12(b) are met. These criteria require that the plan:

- (1) Reserve an adequate portion of the net gaming revenues from the Tribal gaming activity for one or more of the following purposes: (i) to fund Tribal government operations or programs; (ii) To provide for the general welfare of the Tribe or its members; (iii) to promote Tribal economic development; (iv) to donate to charitable organizations; or (v) to help fund operations of local government;
- (2) Contain detailed information to allow Office of Indian Gaming personnel to determine that it complies with regulatory and IGRA requirements (particularly regarding funding for Tribal governmental operations or programs and economic development;
- (3) Protect and preserve the interests of minors and other legally incompetent persons who are entitled to receive per capital payments;
- (4) Describe how the Tribe will notify members of the tax liability for per capita payments and how the Tribe will withhold taxes in accordance with IRS regulations;

(5) Authorize the distribution of per capita payments to members according to specific eligibility requirements and utilize or establish a Tribal court system, forum or administrative process for resolution of disputes concerning the application of net gaming revenues and distribution of per capita payments.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden and specifically how this collection meets GPEA requirements.**

This collection of information does not involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques. Automated submissions are not feasible because the information contained in a Tribal revenue allocation plan is unique to each Tribe. Tribes may use electronic means to prepare their responses. Nothing precludes the Tribe from using any electronic system to submit via e-mail; however, Tribes choose to submit in hard copy because it is easier to include the signed Tribal resolution and other attachments in hard copy than to convert them to an electronic format. Tribal revenue allocation plans are approved and located at the Office of Indian Gaming because authority has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs by part 290 of the Departmental Manual.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

Each plan contains information unique to a particular Tribe, and the Tribe does not otherwise provide this information to the Department of the Interior or any other Federal agency. In accordance with the IGRA, each Tribe must submit a Tribal revenue allocation plan if it intends to make per capita payments to members of the Indian Tribe. No other Federal Agency has authority under IGRA to approve Tribal revenue allocation plans for Indian Tribes.

**5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

Although tribes are not considered small businesses, to the extent allowable by the regulations, the BIA has attempted to reduce the burden on small entities.

**6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

Without this information collection, Office of Indian Gaming personnel cannot ensure that the provisions of IGRA and implementing regulations are met. The information that must be submitted is established by law. The information is collected when the Tribal revenue allocation plan is submitted.

7. **Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:**
- \* **requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
  - \* **requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**
  - \* **requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
  - \* **requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records, for more than three years;**
  - \* **in connection with a statistical survey that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
  - \* **requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
  - \* **that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
  - \* **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets, or other confidential information, unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

There are no special circumstances that would require us to collect the information in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

8. **If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and in response to the PRA statement associated with the collection over the past three years, and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

**Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

**Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every three years — even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.**

A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the Federal Register on May 22, 2024 (89 FR 45007). No comments were received in response to this notice.

In addition, we contacted nine (9) individuals to review the information collection. We received feedback from one (1) individual – the commentor indicated they believe the burden estimates are reasonable and the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions.

**9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payments or gifts will be provided to respondents.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

No assurances of confidentiality are provided.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

No sensitive or private information is requested.

**12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:**

- \* Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the variance. Generally, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.**
- \* If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens.**
- \* Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here.**

The total annual cost burden for Tribal respondents is **\$87,860**.

There are no specific forms to be completed by respondents. Approximately 20 Tribes provide the information each year. The annual reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 75-100 hours for each of approximately 20 respondents, this

includes the time for reviewing instructions, researching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Some Tribes have limited funds and Tribal attorneys may be required to review and prepare the plan for submission to the Tribal council. Tribal council sessions to review the documents may take less than one hour or could take more depending on the priority of the document. For purposes of this collection 100 hours per respondent is used.

To obtain the hourly rate, BIA used \$43.93, the wages and salaries including benefits figure for civilian workers from BLS Release USDL-23-2567, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation—September 2023, Table 2. Civilian workers, at <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf>.

Respondents (Annually)	Frequency of Response (Annually)	Time per Response (Hours)	Total Burden (Hours)	Hourly Rate (Dollars)	Sub Total
20	1	100 hours	2,000 hours	\$43.93	\$87,860
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$87,860</b>

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual non-hour cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden already reflected in item 12.)**

- \* The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life) and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information (including filing fees paid for form processing). Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities.
- \* If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.
- \* Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

There are no additional capital, operation, start-up costs, or maintenance and purchase of services costs incurred. Tribes that choose to use any equipment, such as computers, to prepare their submissions may do so where they routinely use electronics for normal Tribal business functions; however, no new equipment is required to prepare this information submission.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

The approximate total annual cost to the Federal government is **\$62,335**.

Cost to the Federal government is associated with the review and approval of the Tribal revenue allocation plan. The average time for Federal government review of a Tribal revenue allocation plan is estimated at 24 hours. This includes clerical assistance, reviewing staff, supervisor, attorneys, and approving official. The average grade and step level for all these staff is estimated at a GS-14/6.

The average grade and step level for all these staff is estimated at a GS-14/6. The salary associated with this grade and step is \$77.92/hour, based on the General Schedule 2024, located at [https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/24Tables/pdf/DCB\\_h.pdf](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/24Tables/pdf/DCB_h.pdf). This salary is further multiplied by 1.6 to cover benefits, for a total loaded rate of \$124.67/hour.

Program	Grade, Step	Loaded Rate	Total Annual Responses	Completion Time per Response (Hours)	Total Annual Burden (Hours)	Value of Annual Burden Hours
<b>Information Collection Clearance</b>						
DOI staff	GS-14, Step 6	\$124.67	N/A	N/A	20	\$2,493
<b>Office of Indian Gaming (OIG)</b>						
Review and Approval of Class III Tribal State Gaming Compact/Amendment	GS-14, Step 6	\$124.67	20	24	480	\$59,842
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>500</b>	<b>\$62,335</b>

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments in hour or cost burden.**

Updates were made to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and Office of Personnel Management (OPM) compensation data contained in Sections 12 and 14.

**16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other**

**actions.**

A notice will not be published in the Federal Register because publishing a notice for approval of Revenue Allocation Plans is not required by regulation.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

The expiration date will not be displayed because this information collection does not include any forms.

**18. Explain each exception to the topics of the certification statement identified in "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."**

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.