DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: ST. REGIS MOHAWK

Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 1

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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* 1.a. Type of Submission: Plan		* 1.b. Frequency: • Annual		* 1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request? Explanation:		ng Request?	* 1.d. Version: initial Resubmission Revision
							C Update
				2. Date Receiv	ved:		State Use Only:
				3. Applicant Identifier:			
				4a. Federal E	ntity Ident	ifier:	5. Date Received By State:
				4b. Federal A	ward Iden	tifier:	6. State Application Identifier:
7. APPLICANT	INFORMATION						
* a. Legal Name	e: St. Regis Mohawk Trib	ne e					
* b. Employer/	Faxpayer Identification I	Number (EIN/TIN): EN	1161007650	* c. Organiza	tional DUI	NS: 79781664	17
* d. Address:				**			
* Street 1:	412 STATE R	OUTE 37		Street 2:			
* City:	AKWESASNI	3		County:			
* State:	NY			Province:			
* Country:	United States			* Zip / Pos	tal Code:	13655 -	
e. Organization	al Unit:						
Department Na	me:			Division Nam	e:		
f. Name and cor	ntact information of pers	on to be contacted on ma	tters involving t	his application:			
Prefix:	* First Name: Sharon		Middle Name:	Middle Name: * Last Name: Thompson			
Suffix:	Title: LIHEAP Director		Organizational Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number: 518-358-2272	Fax Number 518-358-4437		* Email: sharon.thompson@srmt-nsn.gov				
* 8a. TYPE OF I: Indian/Native		nent (Federally Recognized	d)				
b. Additional	Description:						
* 9. Name of Fe	* 9. Name of Federal Agency:						
			og of Federal Dom ssistance Number			CFDA Title:	
10. CFDA Numbers and Titles 93568					Low-Inco	me Home Ener	gy Assistance
11. Descriptive LIHEAP	Title of Applicant's Proj	ect					
	ted by Funding: wk Reservation, Franklin	County NY					
13. CONGRESS	13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:						
* a. Applicant NY				b. Program/Project: NY-21			
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.							

14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:				
a. Start Date: 10/01/2016	b. End Date: 09/30/2017	* a. Feder	al (\$): \$0 b. Match (\$):			
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?						
a. This submission was made availab	le to the State under the Executive Order	12372				
Process for Review on :						
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 b	out has not been selected by State for revi	ew.				
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12	372.					
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? O YES NO						
Explanation:						
accurate to the best of my knowledge. I	(1) to the statements contained in the list also provide the required assurances** an nents or claims may subject me to crimina	nd agree to comply with any resultin	g terms if I accept an award. I am aware that			
** The list of certifications and assurance	ces, or an internet site where you may obt	ain this list, is contained in the anno	uncement or agency specific instructions.			
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title o	f Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area	code, number and extension)			
Sharon Thompson		18d. Email Address sharon.thompson@sr	nt-nsn.gov			
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/27/2016						
Attach supporting docun	nents as specified in agenc	y instructions.				

Section 1 - Program Components

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20447

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THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Section 1 Program Components Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) **Dates of Operation** 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.) **End Date Start Date** 10/01/2016 Heating assistance 09/30/2017 V Cooling assistance Crisis assistance 01/04/2017 03/15/2017 V Weatherization assistance Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary The tribe will reserve 15% of its funds until March 15th for an energy program. Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16 1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to Percentage (%) 55.00% Heating assistance Cooling assistance 0.00% 25.00% Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance 0.00% 10.00% Carryover to the following federal fiscal year Administrative and planning costs 10.00% Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) 0.00% Used to develop and implement leveraging activities 0.00% TOTAL 100.00%

Altern	Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)									
1.3 Tl	he funds reserved	for winter crisis assistance that have	e not l	peen expended by N	Aarch	15 will be reprogra	mme	d to:		
~	Heati	ing assistance					Co	oling assistance		
	Weat	therization assistance					Otl	ner (specify:)		
Cates	orical Eligibility.	2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)	(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Ass	suran	ce 8				
1.4 D	o you consider hou	useholds categorically eligible if one					atego	ries of benefits in th	e left	column below? 💽
	O No	to question 1.4, you must complete the	he tal	ole below and answ	er an	estions 1.5 and 1.6.				
		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1	Heating	1	Cooling	1	Crisis		Weatherization
TANF			•	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	•	Yes O No	0	Yes ONo
SSI			\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	⊙	Yes O No	0	Yes ONo
SNAP			0	Yes 🖲 No	0	Yes O No	0	Yes 🖲 No	0	Yes ONo
Means	-tested Veterans Pro	ograms	0	Yes 💽 No	0	Yes O No	0	Yes 🖲 No	0	Yes C No
		Program Name		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other	Specify) 1			O Yes O No		C Yes C No		O Yes O No		C Yes C No
1.5 D	o you automaticall	ly enroll households without a direct	annu	al application? 🔘	Yes	⊙ No				
If Yes	s, explain:									
deter	mining eligibility a	there is no difference in the treatmen and benefit amounts?					not re	eceiving other public	c assi	stance when
	Nominal Payment				_					
		HEAP funds toward a nominal payn								
		to question 1.7a, you must provide a	resp	onse to questions 1.	7b, 1.	.7c, and 1.7d.				
	requency of Assis	al Assistance: \$0.00								
	Once Per Year									
	Once every five y	years								
	Other - Describe	:								
1731	I 1					4				
1.74 1	How do you confir	m that the household receiving a nor	minal	payment has an er	iergy	cost or need?				
Deter	mination of Eligibil	lity - Countable Income								
1.8. Iı	n determining a ho	ousehold's income eligibility for LIH	EAP,	do you use gross in	come	e or net income ?				
~	Gross Income									
Net Income										
1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP										
~	Wages									
~	Self - Employme	nt Income								
	Contract Income	2								
	Payments from n	nortgage or Sales Contracts								
	Unemployment insurance									

V							
>	Strike Pay						
>	Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits						
	Including MediCare deduction Excluding MediCare deduction						
>	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)						
>	Retirement / pension benefits						
	General Assistance benefits						
	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits						
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits						
	Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) benefits						
	Loans that need to be repaid						
>	Cash gifts						
	Savings account balance						
	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.						
>	Jury duty compensation						
>	Rental income						
>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)						
>	Income from work study programs						
>	Alimony						
>	Child support						
>	Interest, dividends, or royalties						
>	Commissions						
>	Legal settlements						
>	Insurance payments made directly to the insured						
	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate						
>	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits						
	Earned income of a child under the age of 18						
	Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty.						
	Income tax refunds						

	<u> </u>
>	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA
	Funds received by household for the care of a foster child
	Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid
	Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
	Other
	ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided,

Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(b))(2) - Assurance 2							
	income eligibility threshold used for the heating	g compone	enet:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income	60.00%				
2.2 Do you have ac HEATING ASSITA	dditional eligibility requirements for ANCE?	C Yes	€ _{No}					
2.3 Check the app	propriate boxes below and describe the policies							
Do you require an	Assets test ?	CYes	⊙ No					
Do you have addit	tional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		O Yes	€ No					
Renters Livi	ing in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	⊙ No					
Renters with	h utilities included in the rent ?	CYes	⊙ _{No}					
Do you give priori	ity in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		⊙ Yes	C _{No}					
Disabled?		⊙ Yes	⊙ Yes C No					
Young child	iren?	⊙ Yes	⊙ Yes ○ No					
Households	with high energy burdens ?	⊙ Yes	C _{No}					
Other?		O Yes	⊙ No					
1		ough newsle	etters, outreach workers and programs within the Tribe	and word of mouth. also it is				
Determination of B	Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
Vulnerable househo	-	uals with di	rable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early applications is abilities, and very young children. These households will receive an additional \$25 to their base benefit.	-				
2.5 Check the vari	iables you use to determine your benefit levels.	(Check all	that apply):					
✓ Income								
Family (household) size								
✓ Home energy								
✓ Fuel t	type							
	ate/region							
	ridual bill							
	ling type							
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)								

Energy need					
Other - Describe:					
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2017:					
Minimum Benefit	\$100	Maximum Benefit	\$625		
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) an	nd/or other forms of b	enefits? O Yes O No	P		
If yes, describe.					
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here					

Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2							
3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Co	oling compon	enet:					
Add Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1			0.00%				
3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for COOLING ASSITANCE?							
3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the police	ies for each.						
Do you require an Assets test ?	C Yes	◯ No					
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:	·						
Renters?	C Yes	○ _{No}					
Renters Living in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	○ No					
Renters with utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	O _{No}					
Do you give priority in eligibility to:	- II						
Elderly?	C Yes	O No					
Disabled? C Yes C No							
Young children?	C Yes	O No					
Households with high energy burdens ?	C Yes	O _{No}					
Other?	O Yes	O _{No}					
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:	<u> </u>						
3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assista	ance tovulner	able populations,e.g., benefit amounts, early applic	cation periods, etc.				
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(I	3)						
3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit leve	els. (Check all	that apply):					
Income							
Family (household) size							
Home energy cost or need:							
Fuel type							
Climate/region							
Individual bill							
Dwelling type							
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)							
Energy need							
Other - Describe:							

Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2017:						
Minimum Benefit \$0 Maximum Benefit \$0						
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or o	ther forms of bei	nefits? O Yes O No				
If yes, describe.						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE						
Eligibility - 2604(c)), 2605(c)(1)(A)					
4.1 Designate the i	ncome eligibility threshold used for the crisis component					
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60.00%			
4.2 Provide your L	IHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.					
The tribe crisis assis	stance will be based on emergency situations and need.					
Inoperable furnace	and we will pay up to \$500. for repair anything over that amou	nt the homeowner is responsible.				
Having less than se	ven days in their tank or run out of fuel.					
Termination notice	·					
Termination notice	on unity on.					
4.3 What constitut	es a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>					
	reated as life-threatening and responded to within 18 hours of a iverable fuels, or must have heat or heat related utility services		sene or propane or less than a 10 day			
Crisis Requiremen	nt, 2604(c)					
4.4 Within how ma	any hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve	he energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours	s			
4.5 Within how ma	any hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve	he energy crisis for eligible households in life-thro	eatening situations? 18Hours			
Crisis Eligibility, 26	605(c)(1)(A)					
4.6 Do you have ad	ditional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANC	E? O Yes O No				
4.7 Check the app	ropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each					
Do you require an	Assets test ?	○ Yes No				
Do you give priori	ty in eligibility to :					
Elderly?		• Yes O No				
Disabled?		⊙ Yes C No				
Young Child	lren?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Households	Households with high energy burdens?					
Other?						
In Order to receive	e crisis assistance:					
Must the hou tank?	Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty					
Must the hou	usehold have been shut off or have an empty tank?	⊙ Yes C No				
Must the hou	usehold have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	• Yes O No				
Must renters	Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an O_{Yes} O_{No}					

evic	tion notice ?					
	Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	○ Yes				
	Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	C Yes O No				
	Other?	C Yes O No				
Do y	you have additional / differing eligibility policies for:					
	Renters?	C Yes O No				
	Renters living in subsidized housing?	C Yes O No				
	Renters with utilities included in the rent?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Exp	lanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:					
sche An e	at have less than 1/4 tank for oil, kerosene or propane or less than a 10 day supply folded for termination. Emergency Liheap benefit for heating emergencises may only be issued when it is emusted.	for other deliveralble fuel or must have heat related utility service teminated or determined that a regular Liheap benefit is either not available or has been previously				
Dete	ermination of Benefits					
4.8	How do you handle crisis situations?					
>	Separate component					
	Fast Track					
>	Other - Describe:					
	If household has not applied for regular heat assistance and funds are still availal	ble we will utilize the regular component for emergency crisis.				
4.9 1	If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance ben	efits?				
	Amount to resolve the crisis.					
Y	Other - Describe: Benefits will be based on the type of heating or heat-related emergency. Participor electric service. To resolve crisis up to \$575.	pating vendors have agreed to make deliveries or to restore/suspend termination of gas				
Cris	is Requirements, 2604(c)					
4.10	Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geogra	aphically accessible to all households in the area to be served?				
- 6	Yes No Explain.					
App	licants may apply for crisis assistance via a phone application with the exception of	of heating equipment repair.				
4.11	Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the means to:					
Sı	Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?					
- 6	€ Yes C No If No, explain.					
Т	Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?					
♥ Yes ♥ No If No, explain.						
If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?						
Ben	Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
4.12	Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.					
V	Winter Crisis \$575.00 maximum benefit					
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit						
Year-round Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit						
	4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?					
0	○ Yes • No If yes, Describe					

4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?			
⊙ Yes C No			
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must compl	ete question 4	l.15.	
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) o	f assistance p	rovided.	
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis
Heating system repair	~		
Heating system replacement			
Cooling system repair			
Cooling system replacement			
Wood stove purchase			
Pellet stove purchase			
Solar panel(s)			
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups			
Other (Specify):			
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce	a moratoriui	n on shut offs	?
C Yes ⊙ No			
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respo	nd to questio	n 4.17.	
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.			
N/A			
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided,			

Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE					
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assura	nce 2				
5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold	used for the Weatherization co	omponent			
Add Hou	sehold Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1 0.00%					
5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreeme	ent to have another government	t agency administer a WEATHERIZATION comp	onent? O Yes O No		
5.3 If yes, name the agency.					
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for	r weatherization? O Yes	No			
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules					
5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIH	EAP weatherization? (Check or	nly one.)			
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rul	es				
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEA	.P) rules				
Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the f	ollowing DOE WAP rule(s) wh	ere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that	apply):		
Income Threshold					
Weatherization of entire multi-fa	mily housing structure is perm	itted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit be	uildings) are eligible units or will		
Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).					
Other - Describe:					
Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the	e following LIHEAP rule(s) wh	nere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all tha	t apply.)		
Income Threshold					
Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit.					
Weatherization measures are not	subject to DOE Savings to Inv	restment Ration (SIR) standards.			
Other - Describe:					
Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5					
5.6 Do you require an assets test?					
5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :					
Renters	Renters C Yes C No				
Renters living in subsidized housing?	Renters living in subsidized housing? C Yes C No				
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:					
Elderly?	C Yes C No				
Disabled?	C Yes C No				
Young Children?	Young Children? C Yes C No				
House holds with high energy burdens	? Cyes CNo				

Other? C Yes C No				
If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below.				
Benefit Levels	Benefit Levels			
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per hou	sehold? O Yes O No			
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0				
Types of Assitance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)				
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categori	ies that apply.)			
Weatherization needs assessments/audits	Energy related roof repair			
Caulking and insulation	Major appliance Repairs			
Storm windows	Major appliance replacement			
Furnace/heating system modifications/ repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors			
Furnace replacement	Doors			
Cooling system modifications/ repairs	Water Heater			
Water conservation measures	Cooling system replacement			
Compact florescent light bulbs	Other - Describe:			
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.				

Section 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

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Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance available:
Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.
Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.
Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.
Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.
✓ Other (specify):
An article will be published in the local newspaper and several announcements will appear in the tribal newsletter.
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Section 7 - Coordniation, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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	Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4
7.1 Desc	ribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).
	Joint application for multiple programs
>	Intake referrals to/from other programs
>	One - stop intake centers
>	Other - Describe:
	y, there are no energy related programs operating on the reservation. The tribe, will however, work closely with the local community action agency in terms of and coordination of services.
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Section 8 - Agency Designation,, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6

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vendors?

measures?

8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization

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Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) 8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency? **Administration Agency** Commerce Agency Community Services Agency **Energy / Environment Agency** Housing Agency Welfare Agency Other - Describe: Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15 If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable. 8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE? N/A 8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?N/A 8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE? If the Liheap program cannot provide crisis assistance the applicant would be referred to the Community Action Agencies. Crisis Weatherization 8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration. Heating Cooling Tribal Government Non-Applicable Tribal Government Non-Applicable 8.5a Who determines client eligibility? 8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric Tribal Government Non-Applicable Tribal Government vendors? Tribal Government Tribal Government 8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel Non-Applicable

If any of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.

Non-Applicable

8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?					
If the Li	If the Liheap has exhausted funds.				
8.7 How	v many local administering agencies do you use? 1				
8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? C Yes No					
8.9 If so, why?					
	Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -				
	Agency is under criminal investigation				
	Added agency				
	Agency closed				
	Other - describe				
	of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, a document with said explanation here.				

Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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	Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make pa	yments directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating	€ Yes C No
Cooling	C Yes C No
Crisis	⊙ Yes C No
Are there exception	ons? C Yes O No
If yes, Describe.	
Regular and emergen	ncy Liheap payments are made directly to home energy suppliers on behalf of eligible households that pay directly for their energy costs.
9.2 How do you noti	ify the client of the amount of assistance paid?
All applicants are pro	ovided with a notice, for both regular and emergency components, advising of their eligibilty and the amount paid on their behalf.
	ure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the me amount of the payment?
	receiving a direct benefits must sign a vendor agreement form provide by our compliance officer. This applies to both regular and crisis payments. A need as a one party check payable to the energy vendor on behalf of the eligible household.
9.4 How do you assu	ure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance?
The vendor agreemen	nt requires the vendor to commit to:
Charging Liheap reci	ipients, in the normal billing process, the difference between the cost of the home energy and the amount of the Liheap payment made:
	g households receiving assistance for Liheap because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements: and ither in costs of goods supplied or the services provided, against the household on whose behalf Liheap payments are made.
9.5. Do you make pa	ayments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?
If so, describe the	e measures unregulated vendors may take.
•	bove questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, nent with said explanation here.

Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) - Assurance 10

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)			
10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal according	unting and tracking of LIHEAP funds?		
		internal control as implemented by division enses for the contract will be entered into the	
Audit Process			
10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited a Yes No	nnually under the Single Audit Act and	OMB Circular A - 133?	
		table condition cited in the A-133 audits, Cency from the most recently audited fisca	
No Findings 🗹			
Finding Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1			
10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agen	ıcies		
What types of annual audit requirements Select all that apply.	s do you have in place for local adminster	ring agencies/district offices?	
Local agencies/district offices an	re required to have an annual audit in co	mpliance with Single Audit Act and OME	3 Circular A-133
Local agencies/district offices ar	re required to have an annual audit (othe	er than A-133)	
Local agencies/district offices' A	A-133 or other independent audits are rev	viewed by Grantee as part of compliance	process.
Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices			
Compliance Monitoring			
10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for	r monitoring compliance with the Grante	ee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and pro	ocedures: Select all that apply
Grantee employees:			
✓ Internal program review			
Departmental oversight			
Secondary review of invoices and payments			
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:			
Monitoring of the program will be done through routine and timely reports to the Tribal council. Monitoring will be completed during each critical phase of the program (public participation, outreach, intake, eligibility determination, payments and fair hearings) to assure that program goals are being met.			
Local Adminstering Agencies / District Offices:			
On - site evaluation			

Annual program review
Monitoring through central database
Desk reviews
✓ Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
The Liheap program activity is conducted continuously. Once an application is completed the review to compliance for eligibility, level of assistance payments, to insure Liheap funds are expended appropriately is conducted by the Supervisor.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
N/A
Desk Reviews:
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues? 0
10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues? 0
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Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, , 2605(b)(12) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)

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Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)					
11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the developmen Select all that apply.	t of your LIHEAP plan?				
✓ Tribal Council meeting(s)					
Public Hearing(s)	Public Hearing(s)				
Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment					
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comn	nent				
Comments from applicants are recorded					
Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised					
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)					
Comments are solicited during outreach activities					
Other - Describe:					
Public hearing on the proposed plan was put on the agenda for the August 17, 2016 Tribal Council Work Session, Which was open to all community members. At the meeting the Council accepted by vote the current plan. This is a mandatory procedure for all programs that is required by Tribal Council before any Grants, proposals or budget are approved. 11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? N/A					
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of	of Puerto Rico Only				
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) of	on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHI	EAP funds?			
	Date	Event Description			
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?					
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).					
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?					
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Section 12 - Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

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Section 12: Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

- 12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year? $\,0\,$
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? 0
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings?

None

12.4 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied.

Informal Hearing: Key personnel from Tribal Administration hold a hearing with the Liheap Coordinator and the household.

Formal Hearing: Will hold a hearing with the Liheap Coodinator, household an the Tribal Council.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

The household may request a hearing in person, by telephone or by returning the hearing request form which is mailed to each household when an eligibility determination is made. Within 15 days of a request for a hearing, the tribe will attempt to resolve the problem informally. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the applicant will be provided with a formal hearing.

12.6 Describe your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are not acted on in a timely manner.

The fair hearing is on the application. Applicants are advised of fair hearing rights on the timeliness of the eligibility decision at the time of the application by the provision of the "Application Rights" language in the application instructions. Additionally, the notice of "Eligibility Decision" provided to applicants, provided approval and denied, contains fair hearing rights language.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Households will be made aware of thes rights at the time of application. Each household will be informed of thes rights by the intake worker. Additionally, these rights are printed on the application.

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Section 13 - Reduction of home energy needs,2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16

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Section 13: Reduction of home energy needs, 2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16
13.1 Describe how you use LIHEAP funds to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance?
N/A
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?
N/A
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.
N/A
13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.
N/A
13.5 How many households applied for these services? 0
13.6 How many households received these services? 0
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Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)			
14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program? O Yes No			
14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.			
14.3 For each type of resource and/or benefit to be leveraged in the upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii),describe the following:			
Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?
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Section 15 - Training

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Section 15: Training
15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:
a. Grantee Staff:
Formal training on grantee policies and procedures
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:
Employees are provided with policy manual
Other-Describe:
b. Local Agencies:
Formal training conference
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe: Training sessions are held in August of each year on changes for the upcoming Liheap season.
On-site training
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:
Employees are provided with policy manual
Other - Describe
c. Vendors
Formal training conference
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:

>	Policies communicated through vendor agreements						
	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual						
Other - Describe: Our compliance officer meets with the vendors to go over program regulations and prices that are set for program year.							
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? Yes No							

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Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)

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Section 16: Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b) - Required for States Only

16.1 Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four required LIHEAP performance measures. Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.

N/A

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)							
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms							
a. Describe all mechanisms available to	the p	public for reporting cases of suspecte	d was	ste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that a	apply	•	
Online Fraud Reporting	Online Fraud Reporting						
✓ Dedicated Fraud Reporting							
Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office							
Report to State Inspector G	Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General						
Forms and procedures in pl							
✓ Other - Describe:							
If someone is receiving benefits and has li	If someone is receiving benefits and has lied about any of the following:						
Income or assets, Town or city where they	Income or assets, Town or city where they live, Their identity, who is living in their house.						
This can be report to our office or compliant	ance	office.					
b. Describe strategies in place for adver	tisin	g the above-referenced resources. Sel	lect a	ll that apply			
Printed outreach materials							
Addressed on LIHEAP appl	icati	on					
Website							
Other - Describe:							
Posters are on our board outside of the off	ice e	xplaining how to report fraud.					
17.2. Identification Documentation Req	uirei	ments					
a. Indicate which of the following forms	s of ic	dentification are required or requeste	ed to	be collected from LIHEAP applicant	ts or	their household members.	
	Collected from Whom?						
Type of Identification Collected			Concetted from Wholin.	Concetted from Whom:			
		Applicant Only		All Adults in Household		All Household Members	
Social Security Card is photocopied		Required		Required	>	Required	
and retained							
		Requested	/	Requested	4	Requested	
		Required		Required		Required	
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)			/	. *			
		Requested		Requested		Requested	

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_			Required			Required			Required		
Government-issued identification card								>			
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)			Requested			Requested			Requested		
	Other		Applicant Only Required	Applicant Onl Requested	y	All Adults in Household Required	All Adults in Household Requested		All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested	
1	We will continue to require all hous hold members to provide their tribal cards.								>		
h D											
	escribe any exceptions to the above also let the applicant know that a repr	-		ilding on the seco	ond '	Tuesday of every mo	nth if they need to	annl	v for a Social Securi	ty card	
		CSCII	tative is at the tribar ou	numg on the see	ond	ruesday of every mor	mur ir they need to	пррт.	y for a Social Securi		
-	3 Identification Verification	.: F +	ho outhouticity of ide	atification door	mont	ta nuavidad by aliant	a on household m	omb	one Coleat all that a	nnle	
Des	Varify SSNs with Social Socretic		<u> </u>	ntification docur	nen	is provided by client	s or nousenoid me	emb	ers. Select all that a	рріу	
H	Verify SSNs with Social Securit			• • • •							
H	Match SSNs with death records		•								
H	Match SSNs with state eligibilit			n (e.g., SNAP, T	ANI	f)					
H	Match with state Department o		•								
H	Match with state and/or federa		<u> </u>								
H	Match with state child support										
H	Verification using private softw			ber)							
H	In-person certification by staff	(for	tribal grantees only)								
_	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	vith	tribal database or em	rollment records	s (for	r tribal grantees onl	y)				
	Other - Describe:										
17.4	4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Ver	ficat	tion								
Wh	at are your procedures for ensurin	g tha	at household members	are U.S. citizen	s or	aliens who are qual	ified to receive LI	HE	AP benefits? Select	all that apply.	
H	Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or legal residency										
L	Client's submission of Social S	ecur	rity cards is accepted	as proof of legal	resi	dency					
L	Noncitizens must provide doct	ımeı	ntation of immigration	ı status							
L	Citizens must provide a copy of	of the	eir birth certificate, n	aturalization pa	pers	, or passport					
ᆜ	Noncitizens are verified throu	gh tł	ne SAVE system								
•	Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card										
	Other - Describe:										
17.5. Income Verification											
What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.											
Require documentation of income for all adult household members											
<u> </u>	Pay stubs										
<u> </u>	Social Security award letters										
<u> </u>	Bank statements										
	Tax statements										
	Zero-income statements										
	Unemployment Insurance letters										
	✓ Other - Describe:										

A majority of employment on our reservation is within the Tribal government and its subsidiaries. We request paystubs for the last four weeks of income from employers, letters of determination from federal agencies, printout from the state office. A written statement of net income from self employes person. A statement of how the person's basic needs are met with no income
Computer data matches:
Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
✓ Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor
Social Security income verified with SSA
Utilize state directory of new hires
Other - Describe:
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
Grantee employees
✓ Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
✓ Other - Describe:
All personally identifying information about a Liheap applicant or recipient is confidential and may be disclosed only for purposes of investigating or prosecuting suspected fraud or abuse, in cooperation with Federal or State authorities regarding the LiHeap audits or investigations, or with the written consent of the applicant or recipient.
17.7. Verifying the Authenticity
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.
All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
Grantee and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.
Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
Applicants must submit current utility bill
Applicants must submit current utility bill Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
✓ Data exchange with utilities that verifies: ✓ Account ownership
Data exchange with utilities that verifies: Account ownership Consumption
Data exchange with utilities that verifies: Account ownership Consumption Balances
Data exchange with utilities that verifies: Account ownership Consumption Balances Payment history

~	Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
~	Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
V	Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
~	Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
Y	Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
Y	Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
V	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
	Other - Describe:
17.9. I	Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors
	procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, and other bulk fuel s? Select all that apply.
~	Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
~	Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
~	Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
~	Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
	Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
~	Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
	Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
	Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee
~	Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
	Other - Describe:
17.10.	Investigations and Prosecutions
	be the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed Select all that apply.
	Refer to state Inspector General
	Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
	Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
~	Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
	Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
	Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?
~	Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
~	Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
	Other - Describe:
	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, h a document with said explanation here.

Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.BrBbr.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it

will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility an Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- ☑ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

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This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central pint is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:,

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f)Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

412 State Route 37 * Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Akwesasne * City	New York * State	13655 * Zip Code

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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☑ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

The submitter of this application certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

☑ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Assurances

Assurances (1) use the funds available under this title to--(A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5); (B) intervene in energy crisis situations; (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and (D)plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title; (2) make payments under this title only with respect to--(A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--(i)assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social **Security Act**; (ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act; (iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or (iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or

(i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or

(B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -

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(ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;

(except that a State may not exclude a household from eligibility in a fiscal year solely on the basis of household income if such income is less than 110 percent of the poverty level for such State, but the State may give priority to those households with the highest home energy costs or needs in relation to household income.

- (3) conduct outreach activities designed to assure that eligible households, especially households with elderly individuals or disabled individuals, or both, and households with high home energy burdens, are made aware of the assistance available under this title, and any similar energy-related assistance available under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program) or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;(4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income energy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under title XX of the Social Security Act, under the low-income weatherization assistance program under title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;(5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;
- (6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -
- (A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and
- (B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

- (7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --
- (A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;
- (B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;
- (C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and
- (D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local grantees and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs:
- (8) provide assurances that,
- (A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and
- (B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;
- (9) provide that--
- (A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a fiscal year; and
- (B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));
- (10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comply with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "Single Audit Act");

- (11) permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 2608;
- (12) provide for timely and meaningful public participation in the development of the plan described in subsection (c);
- (13) provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan described in subsection (c) are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and
- (14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting under section 2610.
- (15) * beginning in fiscal year 1992, provide, in addition to such services as may be offered by State Departments of Public Welfare at the local level, outreach and intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-based organizations (such as community action agencies, area agencies on aging and not-for-profit neighborhood-based organizations), and in States where such organizations do not administer functions as of September 30, 1991, preference in awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those agencies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.
- * This assurance is applicable only to States, and to territories whose annual regular LIHEAP allotments exceed \$200,000. Neither territories with annual allotments of \$200,000 or less nor Indian tribes/tribal organizations are subject to Assurance 15.
- (16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and assistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impact of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefits provided to those households, and the number of households that remain unserved.

Plan Attachments

PLAN ATTACHMENTS		
The following documents must be attached to this application		
• Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.		
Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable		
Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable		
• Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).		