DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: THE CHICKASAW NATION

Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 2

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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* 1.a. Type of	Submis	ssion:	* 1.b. Frequency:		* 1.c. Consolidated Application/		plication/	* 1.d. Version:
• Plan			• Annual		Plan/Funding Request?			Initial
							© Resubmission	
					Explanation	:		C Revision
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					2. Date Rece	ived:		State Use Only:
					3. Applicant		••	= State est only.
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7. APPLICAN	T INFO	ORMATION						
* a. Legal Naı	ne: The	e Chickasaw Na	ntion					
* b. Employer 731374986	/Taxpa	yer Identificat	ion Number (EIN/TIN	():	* c. Organiza	ational DI	U NS: 0708	848361
* d. Address:					**			
* Street 1:		P.O. BOX 15	548		Street 2:			
* City:		ADA			County:			
* State:		OK			Province:			
* Country: United States			* Zip / Po Code:	stal	74820 -			
e. Organizatio	nal Uni	t:						
Department N Community S					Division Name: Social Services			
f. Name and c	ontact i	nformation of	person to be contacted	l on matters in	volving this a	pplication	:	
Prefix:	_	Name:		Middle Name			11	ast Name:
	Thom				John			
Suffix:	Title: Under	rsecretary		Organization	nal Affiliation:			
* Telephone	Fax N	umber		* Email:				
Number: 5804367246	58043	362109		Grants.Admi	n@chickasaw.	net		
* 8a. TYPE O I: Indian/Nativ			ernment (Federally Rec	ognized)				
b. Addition	al Desci	ription:						
* 9. Name of I	ederal	Agency:						
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				g of Federal Dor sistance Numbe				CFDA Title:
10. CFDA Num	bers and	l Titles	93568			Low-Inco	ome Home E	Energy Assistance
		of Applicant's i						
12. Areas Affe								
		 						

13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:					
* a. Applicant 4	b. Program/Project: Statewide				
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if n	needed.				
14. FUNDING PERIOD:	15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:				
a. Start Date: 10/01/2019 b. End Date: 09/30/2020	* a. Federal (\$): b. Match (\$): \$0 \$0				
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EX	XECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?				
a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executi	ive Order 12372				
Process for Review on :					
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by Stat	e for review.				
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.					
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? O YES NO Explanation:					
Explanation.					
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the reaccept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) **I Agree	equired assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I				
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you specific instructions.	n may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency				
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension)				
Thomas John	18d. Email Address Grants.Admin@chickasaw.net				
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/23/2019				

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency 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 20201

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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)

(No	Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. te: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in plan.)		Operation
		Start Date	End Date
>	Heating assistance	10/01/2019	04/30/2020
>	Cooling assistance	05/01/2020	09/30/2020
>	Crisis assistance	10/01/2019	09/30/2020
>	Weatherization assistance	10/01/2019	09/30/2020

Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary

 $Estimated\ Funding\ Allocation,\ 2604(C),\ 2605(k)(1),\ 2605(b)(9),\ 2605(b)(16)\ -\ Assurances\ 9\ and\ 16006(16),\ 26006(1$

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 100%.	Percentage (%)
Heating assistance	20.00%
Cooling assistance	30.00%
Crisis assistance	25.00%
Weatherization assistance	15.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	10.00%
Administrative and planning costs	0.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%

Use	ed to develop and ir	nplement leveraging activities							0.00%
TOTA	L								100.00%
Alter	nate Use of Crisis	s Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)	(C)						
1.3 T	he funds reserved	l for winter crisis assistance th	nat have not been e	xpended	by March 15	will be r	eprogrammed to:		
A		Heating assistance Cooling assistance							
		Weatherization assistance		~		Other (s	specify:) Cooling	Crisis	S
Cate	gorical Eligibility	, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2,	2605(c)(1)(A), 260	5(b)(8A)	- Assurance 8	3			
		ouseholds categorically eligible	e if one household	member	receives one o	f the foll	owing categories o	of bei	nefits in the left
colun	nn below? 💽 Yes	O _{No}							
If you	answered "Yes"	to question 1.4, you must cor	nplete the table be	low and a	nswer questi	ons 1.5 a	nd 1.6.		
			Heating		Cooling		Crisis	L	Weatherization
TANE	7		⊙ Yes ○ No		Yes O No		Yes O No		Yes O No
SSI			⊙ Yes ○ No		Yes O No		Yes O No	!	Yes O No
SNAP			€ Yes € No	•	Yes C No		Yes O No	0	Yes O No
Mean	s-tested Veterans P	rograms	⊙ Yes ○ No	•	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	•	Yes ONo
		Program Name	Heati	ng	Coolin	ng	Crisis		Weatherization
Other	(Specify) 1		C Yes C	No	C Yes C	No	C Yes C No		O Yes O No
1.5 D	o you automatica	lly enroll households without	a direct annual ap	plication	Yes O	No			
If Ye	s, explain:								
SNAI SNAI	P Nominal Paymer P Nominal Payme	ents							
1.7a l	Do you allocate L	IHEAP funds toward a nomin	nal payment for SN	AP hous	eholds? 🔘 Yo	es 💽 No)		
If you	answered "Yes"	' to question 1.7a, you must p	rovide a response t	o questio	ns 1.7b, 1.7c,	and 1.7d	•		
1.7b	Amount of Nomir	nal Assistance: \$0.00							
1.7c l	Frequency of Assi	ſ							
		Once Per Year							
		Once every five years							
		Other - Describe:							
1.7d	How do you confi	rm that the household receivi	ng a nominal payn	nent has a	n energy cos	t or need	?		
	Determin	nation of Eligibility-Countable l	Íncome						
Detei	mination of Eligi	bility - Countable Income							
1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income ?									
1.0.1	Gross Income	succiona o meome engionity	Lilleni, uo yo	a use git	meome of	.ice incol			
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	ent Income							
	Contract Income								

	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts
	Unemployment insurance
	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
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 fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance						
Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2						
	2.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the heating component:						
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility T	hreshold		
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income 60.00%					
2	All Household Sizes HHS Poverty Guidelines			150.00%			
-	2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for HEATING ASSITANCE?						
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.				
Do you require a	nn Assets test ?	C Yes	⊙ _{No}				
Do you have add	litional/differing eligibility policies for:	•					
Renters?		C Yes	⊙ No				
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	Oyes	⊙ _{No}				
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	⊙ No				
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:						
Elderly?	Elderly?						
Disabled?		• Yes	C _{No}				
Young chil	ldren?	• Yes	C _{No}				
Household	s with high energy burdens ?	O _{Yes}	⊙ No				
Other? Ve	eterans	• Yes	C _{No}				
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:	<u> </u>					
	ny household where the safety and health of nd veterans are considered the most "at-risl		d member would be adversely affected is a prior	rity. The elderly, di	sabled, young		
	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605						
2.4 Describe how	y you prioritize the provision of heating a	ssistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts,	, early application	ı periods, etc.		
The highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households who have the lower incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size. The Chickasaw Nation utilizes a point system to determine the needs for heating and cooling assistance. Various documentations used to determine eligibility and need are included with the plan, including the Levaging Fuel Matrix, Worksheet for Determination of Assistance and the Chickasaw Nation's Assistance Application. No other documents discussing the variation of home energy needs are in use.							
2.5 Check the va	riables you use to determine your benefi	t levels. (Cl	neck all that apply):				
✓ Income							
Family (ho	usehold) size						
✓ Home ener	gy cost or need:						
Fuel	l type						
	Climate/region						

Γ-								
Individual bill								
Dwelling type								
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)								
Energy need								
Other - Describe:								
Home energy needs are evaluated based on the vulnerability of the household and the type of energy being used.								
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2	605(c)(1)(B)							
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for F	Y 2020:							
Minimum Benefit	\$1	Maximum Benefit	\$400					
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets,	space heaters) and/or other f	orms of benefits? • Yes No						
If yes, describe.								
Blankets and/or heaters are provided to the elderly, disabled or household members with infants where the health of a household member would be adversely affected by the termination of its source of heating.								
If any of the above questions	-		could not be made in					

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	3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Cooling component:							
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	old			
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income		60.00%			
2	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines		150.00%			
	3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for COOLING ASSITANCE?							
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.					
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	⊙ No					
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		C Yes	⊙ No					
Renters Liv	ving in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	⊙ No					
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	O Yes	€ No					
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:							
Elderly? © Yes O No								
Disabled?		• Yes	⊙Yes ONo					
Young chile	dren?	• Yes	C _{No}					
Households	s with high energy burdens ?	Oyes	⊙ No					
Other? Ve	terans	• Yes	C No					
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:							
	y household where the safety and health on the veterans are considered the most "at-rish		d member would be adversely affected is a prior	ity. The elderly, disabled	l, young			
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling a	ssistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts,	early application perio	ds, etc.			
The highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households who have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size. The Chickasaw Nation utilizes a point system to determine the needs for heating and cooling assistance. Various documentations used to determine eligibility and need are included with the plan, including the Leveraging Fuel Matrix, Worksheet for Determination of Assistance and the Chickasaw Nation's Assistance Application. No other documents discussing the variation of home energy needs are in use.								
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)								
3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):								
✓ Income								
Family (household) size								
✓ Home energ	gy cost or need:							
✓ Fuel type								

Climate/region								
Individual bill								
Dwelling type								
Energy burden (% of income sp	pent on home energy)							
Energy need								
Other - Describe:								
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 260	Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY	2020:							
Minimum Benefit	\$1	Maximum Benefit	\$400					
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air co	nditioners) and/or other for	ms of benefits? • Yes No						
If yes, describe.								
A fan or air conditioner is provided to the elderly, disabled or household member with infants where the health of a household member would be adversely affected by the termination of its source of cooling.								
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	H(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)					
	e income eligibility threshold used for the crisis compe	onent				
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60.00%			
2	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%			
4.2 Provide your	LIHEAP program's definition for determining a cris	sis.				
adversely for the affo Cri under assu	Crisis is defined as elderly, disabled, veterans and households where an infant resides, or any eligible household member that will be adversely affected by the termination of its source of heating or cooling. The tribe will provide for immediate payment of a heating or cooling bill for the affected household. Crisis situation is further defined as an eligible household distressed by unemployment, medical bills or special conditions, as defined under assurance number five or threatened with termination of heating or cooling. A person who has utility services discontinued may face the risk of their plumbing freezing or catching on fire, which could lead to homelessness.					
4.3 What constit	utes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>					
	life-threatening crisis is defined as any eligible householon of its source of heating or cooling. The life-threatening		•			
Crisis Requirem			10 10W			
	many hours do you provide an intervention that will r					
4.5 Within how r situations? 18Ho	many hours do you provide an intervention that will r ours	esolve the energy crisis for engible nouseno	lds in life-threatening			
Crisis Eligibility,	, 2605(c)(1)(A)					
4.6 Do you have a ASSISTANCE?	additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS	€ Yes C No				
4.7 Check the ap	opropriate boxes below and describe the policies for ea	11-				
Do you require a	ın Assets test ?	C Yes No				
Do you give prio	ority in eligibility to :					
Elderly?		€ Yes C No				
Disabled?		⊙ Yes O No				
Young Chi	ildren?	⊙ Yes O No				
Household	ls with high energy burdens?	C Yes O No				
Other? Ve	eterans	C Yes C No				
In Order to rece	ive crisis assistance:					
Must the h empty tank?	nousehold have received a shut-off notice or have a ne	ar C Yes C No				
Must the h	nousehold have been shut off or have an empty tank?	C Yes O No				
Must the h	Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit? O Yes O No					

Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice ?		C Yes O No		
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?		C Yes O No		
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?		C Yes ⊙ No		
Other?		C Yes ⊙ No		
Do you have additional / differing eligibility p	olicies for:			
Renters?		C Yes ⊙ No		
Renters living in subsidized housing?		C Yes ⊙ No		
Renters with utilities included in the rei	nt?	C Yes ⊙ No		
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checke	ed above:			
children and veterans are considered the	most "at-risk".	member would be adversely affected is a priority. The elderly, disabled, young ermination of home heating or cooling.		
Determination of Benefits				
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?				
∨	Separate component			
	Fast Track			
	Other - Describe:			
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do	you determine crisis as	sistance benefits?		
	Amount to resolve the			
	Other - Describe:			
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c) 4.10 Do you accept applications for energy cri Yes No Explain.	isis assistance at sites th	at are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?		
Applications are accepted at any of	of the seven area offices.			
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are phys	ically disabled the mean	ns to:		
Submit applications for crisis benefits with	out leaving their homes	?		
Yes O No If No, explain.				
Travel to the sites at which applications for	crisis assistance are acc	cepted?		
C Yes O No If No, explain.				
disabled?		alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically re homebound and not able to come into the area office.		
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)				
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.				
Winter Crisis \$5,000.00 maximum benefit				
Summer Crisis \$5,000.00 maximum benefit				
Year-round Crisis \$5,000.00 maximum	Year-round Crisis \$5,000.00 maximum benefit			
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?				
€ Yes C No If yes, Describe				
Blankets and/or heaters, fans or air conditioners are provided to the elderly, disabled, veterans and household members that will be adversely affected by the termination of its source of heating or cooling.				
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 complete question 4.15.					
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.					
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis		
Heating system repair	<u>\</u>				
Heating system replacement	>				
Cooling system repair		V			
Cooling system replacement		~			
Wood stove purchase	>				
Pellet stove purchase	>				
Solar panel(s)					
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups	>	>			
Other (Specify): Help is provided with utility deposits during crisis situations. Emergency shelter is provided during energy crisis assistance, such as electrical outages. Fans, air conditioners, blankets and space heaters are provided to the elderly, disabled, veterans and household members that will be adversely affected during heating and cooling crises.	V	V			
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with e	nforce a mo	ratorium on	shut offs?		
€ Yes C No					
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17. 4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.					
Local vendors do not shut off heating and cooling services during times of extreme weather.					
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.					

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Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE						
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assu	rance 2				
5.1 Designate the	income eligibility thresho	ld used for the Weatheri	zation component			
Add	Add Household Size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold					
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income	60.00%		
2	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%		
5.2 Do you enter No	into an interagency agree	ment to have another gov	vernment agency administer a WEATHERIZ	ATION component? O Yes •		
5.3 If yes, name t	he agency.					
5.4 Is there a sep	arate monitoring protocol	for weatherization?	Yes No			
WEATHERIZA	TION - Types of Rules					
5.5 Under what r	rules do you administer LI	HEAP weatherization? (Check only one.)			
✓ Entirely ur	nder LIHEAP (not DOE) 1	rules				
Entirely ur	nder DOE WAP (not LIHI	EAP) rules				
Mostly und	ler LIHEAP rules with the	e following DOE WAP ru	ule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):		
Incor	me Threshold					
Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days						
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 following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that 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 Investment Ration (SIR) standards.						
Other - Describe:						
Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5						
5.6 Do you requi	re an assets test?	C Yes O No				
5.7 Do you have a	additional/differing eligibi	lity policies for :				
Renters		⊙ Yes ○ No				
Renters living in subsidized for Yes O No						
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:						
Elderly?	Elderly?					

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Disabled?	⊙ Yes C No		
Young Children?	⊙ Yes O No		
House holds with high energy burdens?	C Yes ⊙ No		
Other? Veterans	⊙ Yes ONo		
If you selected "Yes" for any of the option below.	ns in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, y	ou must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field	
Any household where the saf- children and veterans are considered	•	mber would be adversely affected is a priority. The elderly, disabled, young	
cooling systems and/or heating syste	m repair and/or replacements, rep	ed on being a renter or homeowner. However, if the client is a renter; major placement of windows and/or doors, replacement and/or service of water will be given to ensure healthy living conditions.	
Benefit Levels			
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP we	atherization benefit/expenditur	e per household? • Yes O No	
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$6,000			
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)			
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measu	ures do you provide ? (Check a	ll categories that apply.)	
Weatherization needs assessments	Weatherization needs assessments/audits Energy related roof repair		
✓ Caulking and insulation		Major appliance Repairs	
Storm windows		Major appliance replacement	
Furnace/heating system modificati	ating system modifications/ repairs Windows/sliding glass doors		
✓ Furnace replacement	Doors		
Cooling system modifications/ repa	odifications/ repairs Water Heater		
Water conservation measures		Cooling system replacement	
Compact florescent light bulbs Other - Describe: Energy efficient appliances			
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.			

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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):

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the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

Section 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4 7.1 Describe 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:

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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 Ho	.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:					
If you s	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. 3.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?					
3.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?						
8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?						
	LIHEAP Component Administration. Heating Cooling Crisis Weatherization					
	ho determines client eligibility?					
	.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and ectric vendors?					
	.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel endors?					
	.5d Who performs installation of weatherization neasures?					

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.				
8.6 WI	hat is your process for selecting local administering agencies?			
8.7 Ho	ow many local administering agencies do you use?			
8.8 Ha				
8.9 If s	so, why?			
	Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -			
	Agency is under criminal investigation			
	Added agency			
	Agency closed			
	Other - describe			
	ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made ne fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.			

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Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7 9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers? Yes ○ No Heating ⊙ Yes O No Cooling Tes O No Crisis **Are there exceptions?** • Yes • No If yes, Describe. 9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? Clients are notified by mail and/or phone call to inform them of the amount of assistance they will receive and that the vendor will be paid. 9.3 How do you 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? When a client brings their current bill in for assistance, if eligible, a pledge is made to the vendor. When the payment is received, the next month, the bill will reflect a payment made date and amount. 9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance? All clients are treated the same, regardless of assistance. 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households? O Yes O No If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take. 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.

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)					
10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds? The Chickasaw Nation adheres to the federal program requirements pertaining to the OMB Uniform Guidance 2CFR200. The grant compliance department periodically monitors applications for compliance with LIHEAP policies and procedures and the internal audit department reviews proper expenditures and other activities on a risk basis.					
Audit Process					
10.2. Is your LI Yes No		ited annually under the Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A - 133?		
	•	ing to the level of material weakness ws, or other government agency revi	•	,	
No Findings 🗹]				
Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken	
1					
10.4. Audits of l	Local Administering	Agencies			
What types of a Select all that a	_	ments do you have in place for local a	dministering agencies/district offices	?	
✓ Local	agencies/district offi	ices are required to have an annual a	udit in compliance with Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A-133	
Local	agencies/district offi	ices are required to have an annual at	udit (other than A-133)		
Local	agencies/district offi	ices' A-133 or other independent audi	its are reviewed by Grantee as part o	f compliance process.	
Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices					
Compliance Monitoring					
10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: 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:					
Local Administ	ering Agencies / Dist	trict 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.
Annual monitoring by project support. Annual audit by BKD.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
Every site is reviewed.
Desk Reviews:
As needed.
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
Not less than annually.
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), 2605(C)(2)				
11.1 How did you obtain input from the publi Select all that apply.	ic in the development of your LIHEAP pla	an?		
Tribal Council meeting(s)				
Public Hearing(s)				
Draft Plan posted to website and av	ailable for comment			
Hard copy of plan is available for p	ublic view and comment			
Comments from applicants are reco	orded			
Request for comments on draft Plan	n is advertised			
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s))			
Comments are solicited during outr	reach activities			
Other - Describe:				
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? No changes were made. Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only				
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and t	the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only			
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and t	d public hearing(s) on the proposed use a			
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held	d public hearing(s) on the proposed use a	Event Description		
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11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held	d public hearing(s) on the proposed use at Date 07/19/2019	Event Description Public Hearing to discuss CSBG and LIHEAP in Ardmore. Public Hearing to Discuss CSBG and		
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held	d public hearing(s) on the proposed use as Date 07/19/2019 07/19/2019 07/19/2019	Public Hearing to discuss CSBG and LIHEAP in Ardmore. Public Hearing to Discuss CSBG and LIHEAP in Ada. Public Hearing to Discuss CSBG and		
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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? None
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? None
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings?

No changes were made.

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

The tribe agrees to provide a fair hearing to individuals whose applications for asistance have been denied. Dissatisfied applicants must submit their request for a hearing in writing within 30 days of the date of their notice of denial. Hearings will be scheduled to occur within 10 working days of the receipt of the hearing request. The executive officer and program staff will conduct the hearing and notify the applicant of the decision within 20 working days after receipt of the hearing request. Applicants are informed of these rights at the time of application by the resource specialist.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

The applicant is informed of their rights and an agreement is signed during the intake process.

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

The tribe agrees to provide a fair hearing to individuals whose applications for assistance are not acted upon in a timely manner. Dissatisfied applicants must submit their request for a hearing within 30 days of the date of their notice of denial. Hearings will be scheduled to occur within 10 days of the receipt of the hearing request. The executive officer, with assistance of program staff, will conduct the hearing and notify the applicant of the decision within 10 working days after the receipt of the hearing request. Applicants are informed of these rights at the time of application by the resource specialist.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

The applicant is informed of these rights and an agreement is signed during the intake process.

13.6 How many households received these services? 0

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

Section 13: Reduction of nome energy needs, 2005(b)(10) - Assurance 10
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?
No funds were used for this purpose. Information regarding energy reduction is given during client interviews.
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.
13.4 Describe the level ofdirect benefitsprovided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.
13.5 How many households applied for these services? 0

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?					
⊙ Yes ○ No	0				
14.2 Describe records.	instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining				
	N/A				

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?
1	The Chickasaw Nation operates various programs that obtain resources from tribal dollars. These non-federal dollars may be used for the purpose of supplementing the federal LIHEAP through the tribe's emergency utility assistance program and the elderly energy assistance program. These programs expand the effect of federal LIHEAP dollars.	Leveraged funds and leveraging incentive funds will be utilized in cooperation and conjunction with LIHEAP to provide benefits which will be distributed in the Chickasaw Nation's plan. The benefits will be integrated, incorporated and coordinated with the tribe's LIHEAP.	The leveraged funds and leveraging incentive funds will be used to cover unmet needs, i.e., households that were not assisted at all due to lack of funds. The funds may not be used to gap funding prior to the receipt of the new fiscal year funds. A household may receive winter heating and summer cooling assistance either through LIHEAP funds and/or leveraging incentive funds, but not both in one season.

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:						
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: nickasaw Nation has a procurement policy in place that requires tribal purchasing agents to verify all vendors at the beginning of the procurement s. The procurement policy contains a code of conduct to minimize the risks of fraudulent activity.
15.2 Do Yes	
If an	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in

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.

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)							
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms	ıs						
a. Describe all mechanisms availab	ble to the public for reporting cases	s of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. S	Select all that apply.				
Online Fraud Reportin	ng						
Dedicated Fraud Repor	Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline						
Report directly to local	l agency/district office or Grantee o	office					
Report to State Inspect	tor General or Attorney General						
Forms and procedures	Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse						
Other - Describe:							
b. Describe strategies in place for a	advertising the above-referenced re	esources. Select all that apply					
Printed outreach mater	rials						
Addressed on LIHEAP	P application						
Website							
Other - Describe: The Chickasaw Nation will continue to use the current strategy. Once fraud has been reported, it will be investigated using the appropriate agency, legal staff, internal audit and/or Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department (CN LPD). All reports are taken seriously and are fully investigated. 17.2. Identification Documentation Requirements							
a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household members.							
Type of Identification Collected	Collected from Whom?						
Type of Identification Conected	Applicant Only	All Adults in Household	All Household Members				
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	Required	Required	Required				
	Requested	Requested	Requested				
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	Required	Required	Required				
	Requested	Requested	Requested				

Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)		~	Required]			Required			Required		
			Requested			Requested	sted		Requested		
	Other		Applicant Only Applicant On Required Requested		· III	All Adults in All Adults in Household Household Required Requested			All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested	
1	Proof of residence		'								
ь. І	Describe any exceptions to the a	bovo	e policies.								
	N/A		•								
17.	3 Identification Verification										
De app	scribe what methods are used t ly	o ve	rify the authenticity	of identificat	ion (documents provid	led by clients or	hou	sehold members	. Select all that	
	Verify SSNs with Social Se	curi	ty Administration								
	Match SSNs with death red	ord	s from Social Secur	ity Administr	atior	n or state agency					
	Match SSNs with state elig	ibili	ty/case managemen	t system (e.g.,	SNA	AP, TANF)					
	Match with state Departme	ent o	of Labor system								
	Match with state and/or fe	dera	l corrections system	n							
	Match with state child sup	port	system								
	Verification using private	oftv	vare (e.g., The Wor	k Number)							
	In-person certification by s	taff	(for tribal grantees	only)							
•	Match SSN/Tribal ID num	ber	with tribal databas	e or enrollme	nt re	cords (for tribal g	grantees only)				
	Other - Describe:										
17.	4. Citizenship/Legal Residency	Ver	ification								
	nat are your procedures for ens that apply.	urin	g that household m	embers are U	.S. c	itizens or aliens w	vho are qualified	l to 1	receive LIHEAP	benefits? Select	
	Clients sign an attestation	of c	citizenship or legal	residency							
	Client's submission of Soc	ial S	Security cards is ac	cepted as proc	of of	legal residency					
	Noncitizens must provide	doc	umentation of imm	igration statu	s						
	Citizens must provide a co	ору	of their birth certif	icate, naturali	zatio	on papers, or pass	sport				
	Noncitizens are verified the	ırou	gh the SAVE system	n							
•	Tribal members are verif	ied t	hrough Tribal enro	llment record	ls/Tr	ibal 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											
Pay stubs											
Social Security award letters											
Bank statements											
L	Tax statements										
<u> </u>	Zero-income statements										
	Unemployment Insurance letters										
	Other - Describe:										

Employment documents
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:
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
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
Account ownership
Consumption
✓ Balances
✓ Payment history
Account is properly credited with benefit
Other - Describe:
Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities
Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
Separation of duties between intake and payment approval

Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments						
Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy						
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						
Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure						
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism						
Other - Describe:						
17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors						
What 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 vendors? 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:						
The Chickasaw Nation has a procurement policy in place that requires tribal purchasing agents to verify all vendors at the beginning of the procurement process. The policy contains a code of conduct to minimize the risk of fradulent activity.						
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions						
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. 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? One year						
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:						
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.						

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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

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)

231 Seabrook Rd, Ada, Pontotoc, OK 74820; 949 Locust St, Ardmore, Carter, OK 73401; 1911 Plato Rd, Duncan, Stephens, OK 73533; * Address Line 1				
20118 S. Indian Meridian Rd., Pauls Valley, Garvin, OK 73075; 1603 S. Green Ave, Purcell, McClain, OK 73080; Address Line 2				
4970 W. Hwy 7, Sulphur, Murray, OK 73086; 815 E. 6th, Tishomingo, Johnston, OK 73460 Address Line 3				
Ada * City	ок <u>* State</u>	74821 <u>Zip Code</u>		

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.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

☑ 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

- (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 energyrelated 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
 - (B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -
 - (i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or
 - (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).		