DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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Grantee Name: SMALL TRIBES

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* d. Address:				4				
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* a. Applicant				b. Program/Project: Statewide		
Attach an additional li	st of Progran	n/Project Congressional Districts if n	eeded.			
14. FUNDING PERIO	D:		15. ESTIM	ATED FUNDING:		
a. Start Date: 10/01/2018		b. End Date: 09/30/2019		* a. Federal (\$): \$0	b. Match (\$)	
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a. This submission v	vas made ava	ilable to the State under the Executiv	ve Order 123'	72		
Process for Revi	ew on :					
b. Program is subje	ct to E.O. 123	372 but has not been selected by State	for review.			
c. Program is not co	vered by E.C). 12372.				
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Section 1 - Program Components

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MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY

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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	8				
Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)					
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.)					
	Start Date	End Date			
Heating assistance	10/01/2018	09/30/2019			
Cooling assistance					
Crisis assistance	10/01/2018	09/30/2019			
Weatherization assistance					
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 16	6				
1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate must add up to 100%.	e: The total of all percentag	Percentage (%)			
Heating assistance		70.00%			
Cooling assistance		0.00%			
Crisis assistance		10.00%			
Weatherization assistance		0.00%			
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year		10.00%			
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%			

Alter	Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)										
1.3 T	he funds reserve	d for	winter crisis assistance tha	t hav	e not been expen	ded l	y March 15 will b	oe rej	programmed to:		
Heating assistance Cooling assistance											
Weatherization assistance Other (specify:) Addnl crisis assistance begins June 1st. If a client has exhausted their annual allocation and has received disconnect notice, they may be eligible for additional assistance.											
Cate	gorical Eligibilit	v. 260	5(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2	605(·)(1)(A) 2605(b)(8A) -	Assurance 8				
1.4 D		ouseh	olds categorically eligible i					follo	wing categories of	ben	efits in the left
			uestion 1.4, you must com	plete	the table below a	nd a	nswer questions 1.	.5 an	d 1.6.		
			· · ·		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
TANI	?			\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes ONo	⊙	Yes O No	0	Yes O No
SSI				\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes O No
SNAF	•			•	Yes O No	 	Yes O No	<u> </u>	Yes O No	_	Yes O No
_	s-tested Veterans	Progra	nms		Yes O No	—	Yes ONo		Yes O No		Yes O No
			Program Name		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other	(Specify) 1		1 Togram Tvame		O Yes O No		C Yes C No		C Yes C No		O Yes O No
			nroll households without a	J:-		4:	<u> </u>		_ 105 - 110		103 - 110
_	-	ally er	nroll households without a	direc	t annual applica	tion?	Yes No				
If Ye	s, explain:										
when	determining eli	gibilit	re is no difference in the troy and benefit amounts? shed poverty level tables, to		_		gible households f	rom	those not receiving	g otl	ner public assistance
SNA	P Nominal Payme	ents									
1.7a	Do you allocate l	LIHE	AP funds toward a nomina	l pay	ment for SNAP l	ouse	holds? 🖰 Yes 🏻 🤄	No			
If you	u answered "Yes	" to q	uestion 1.7a, you must pro	vide	a response to qu	estion	s 1.7b, 1.7c, and 1	.7d.			
1.7b	Amount of Nomi	inal A	ssistance: \$0.00								
1.7c	Frequency of As	sistan	ce								
	Once Per Year										
	Once every five	years	s								
	Other - Describ	e:									
1.7d	How do you con	firm t	hat the household receiving	g a n	ominal payment	nas ai	n energy cost or n	eed?			
Deter	mination of Eligi	bility -	- Countable Income								
1.8. I	n determining a	house	chold's income eligibility fo	r LII	HEAP, do vou us	e gros	ss income or net in	ıcom	ie ?		
1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income ? Gross Income											
Net Income											
1.9. 5	Select all the app	licable	e forms of countable incom	ne use	d to determine a	hous	ehold's income eli	gibil	ity for LIHEAP		
>	Wages										
~	Self - Employm	ent In	ncome								
~	Contract Incon	1e									
~	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts										

	<u> </u>							
>	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							
N	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.							
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	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 the

Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
-	b)(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	mponent:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%				
HEATING ASSIT		C Yes						
	propriate boxes below and describe the p	1						
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	⊙ No					
Do you have addi	litional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		O Yes						
Renters Liv	ving in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	⊙ No					
Renters wit	th utilities included in the rent ?	Oyes	⊙ No					
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		⊙ Yes	C No					
Disabled?		⊙ Yes	C _{No}					
Young chile	dren?	⊙ Yes	C No					
Households	s with high energy burdens ?	Oyes	⊙ No					
Other?		Oyes	⊙ No					
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:							
We prioritize and	process vulnerable households applications	first.						
Determination of	Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)((1)(B)						
2.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of heating as	ssistance to	ovulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts,	, early application periods, etc.				
	additional household member for determining		offer a separate, increase in benefit matrix, where guidelines, PLUS the household will receive an e					
2.5 Check the var	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Ch	neck all that apply):					
✓ Income								
Family (hou	usehold) size							
Home energ	gy cost or need:							
✓ Fuel	l type							
Clim	nate/region							
Indi	vidual bill							
Dwe	elling 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 2018:							
Minimum Benefit	Minimum Benefit \$420 Maximum Benefit \$790						
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heat	ers) and/or other fo	rms of benefits? • Yes No					
If yes, describe.							
If funds are available, near the end of a fiscal cycle, we provide Energy Kits to ALL eligible households. We deliver to all the tribal offices in our LIHEAP Program and products are available for distribution to qualified tribal member households.							
If any of the above questions require fields provided, attach a document wit		tion or clarification that could not be ma	ide in the				

Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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	Section 3 - Cooling Assistance						
Eligibility, 2605(c	c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2						
3.1 Designate The	e income eligibility threshold used for the	Cooling c	component:				
Add Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold							
1				0.00%			
3.2 Do you have a COOLING ASSIT	additional eligibility requirements for FANCE?	OYes	C No				
3.3 Check the app	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.				
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	O Yes	○ No				
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		O Yes	C _{No}				
Renters Liv	ving in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	○ No				
Renters wit	th utilities included in the rent ?	O Yes	C _{No}				
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:						
Elderly?		C Yes	○ No				
Disabled?		Oyes	C _{No}				
Young chile	dren?	C Yes C No					
Households	s with high energy burdens ?	C Yes C No					
Other?		C Yes C No					
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:						
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling as	sistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts,	early application periods, etc.			
Determination of I	Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)((1)(B)					
3.5 Check the var	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Cl	neck all that apply):				
Income							
Family (hou	usehold) size						
Home energ	gy cost or need:						
Fuel	type						
Clim	nate/region						
Indi	vidual bill						
Dwe	lling type						
Ener	rgy burden (% of income spent on home of	energy)					
Ener	rgy need						
Othe	er - Describe:						

Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2018:	4					
Minimum Benefit \$0 Maximum Benefit \$0						
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) an	d/or other form	ns of benefits? C Yes O No				
If yes, describe.						
If any of the above questions require furth fields provided, attach a document with sa		tion or clarification that could not be made ition here.	in the			

Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE						
Eligibility - 2604((c), 2605(c)(1)(A)					
4.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the crisis compo	nent				
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%			
4.2 Provide your	LIHEAP program's definition for determining a cris	s.				
Clients must have	e received a pending shut-off notice.					
4.3 What constitu	utes a life-threatening crisis?					
We describe a life	e-threatening crisis as any elder, disabled or small child in	a household that has received a shut-off noti-	ce.			
Crisis Requirem	ent, 2604(c)					
4.4 Within how r	many hours do you provide an intervention that will r	esolve the energy crisis for eligible househo	lds? 12Hours			
4.5 Within how r 8Hours	many hours do you provide an intervention that will re	esolve the energy crisis for eligible househo	lds in life-threatening situations?			
Crisis Eligibility,	2605(c)(1)(A)					
4.6 Do you have ASSISTANCE?	additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS	⊙ Yes C No				
4.7 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the policies for ea	ch				
Do you require a	nn Assets test ?	C Yes O No				
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to :	-				
Elderly?		€ Yes C No				
Disabled?		€ Yes ○ No				
Young Chi	ildren?	€ Yes C No				
Household	s with high energy burdens?	C Yes O No				
Other?		C Yes O No				
In Order to rece	ive crisis assistance:	•				
Must the h empty tank?	ousehold have received a shut-off notice or have a nea	r O Yes O No				
Must the h	ousehold have been shut off or have an empty tank?	C Yes O No				
Must the h	ousehold have exhausted their regular heating benefit	? O Yes O No				
Must rente received an evict	ers with heating costs included in their rent have tion notice ?	C Yes © No				
Must heati	ing/cooling be medically necessary?	C Yes O No				
Must the h equipment?	ousehold have non-working heating or cooling	C Yes € No				
Other?	Other? C Yes O 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 ⊙ No			
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:				
Vulnerable Household requests are processed immediately, next are the remaining crisis qualifying needs. We call the utility vendor directly, making a pledge to ensure continued heat supply. Clients must provide notice of shut-off from the utility company. We provide additional funding, above the annual pledge benefit amount, to vulnerable households in crisis.				
Determination of Benefits				
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?				
Separate component				
Fast Track				
then work with the member tribe to expidite. Non-crisis situation	e STOWW offices directly or contact their tribal office. If they phone us directly, we ns route first through tribal office, then comes to STOWW. We make a direct, phone mail payment directly to utility vendors within 48 hours. We send copies of pledge			
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisi	s assistance benefits?			
Amount to resolve the crisis.				
	nt and use those funds first, to ensure power remains on. We review our budgeted provide the lesser amount of 1. shut-off notice amount due or 2. \$300/household. e carryover/holdback.			
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)				
* ' '	s that are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?			
• Yes O No Explain.	s that are geographically accessible to an ilousenous in the area to be served.			
Each tribal office have applications available, covering our geographic	cal areas served.			
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the n	neans to:			
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their hon	nes?			
⊙ Yes ○ No If No, explain.				
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are	e accepted?			
C Yes C No If No, explain.				
If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please expedisabled?	lain alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically			
	ne bound or elders, the tribe may mail or email applications to the household. Clients is responsible for making sure their tribal office gets all of the necessary, qualifying			
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)				
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance	ce offered.			
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit				
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit				
Year-round Crisis \$500.00 maximum benefit				
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) an	d/or other forms of benefits?			

C Yes O No If yes, Describe					
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?					
C Yes € 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					
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 en	ıforce a mor	atorium on	shut offs?		
C Yes O No					
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to	question 4.1'	7.		
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.					
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 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE				
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assa	urance 2			
5.1 Designate the income eligibility thresh	old used for the Weatheriz	ation component		
Add House	hold Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold	
1			0.00%	
5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agree No	ement to have another gove	ernment agency administer a WEATHERIZ	ATION component? O Yes	
5.3 If yes, name the agency.				
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protoco	ol for weatherization? CY	es O No		
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules				
5.5 Under what rules do you administer L	IHEAP weatherization? (C	Check only one.)		
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE)	rules			
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIH	EAP) rules			
Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the	ne following DOE WAP rul	le(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):	
Income Threshold				
Weatherization of entire mult units or will become eligible within 180 da		is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in	2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible	
Weatherize shelters temporar care facilities).	ily housing primarily low i	ncome persons (excluding nursing homes, pr	isons, and similar institutional	
Other - Describe:				
Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with	1 the following LIHEAP ru	le(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.)	
Income Threshold				
Weatherization not subject to	DOE WAP maximum state	ewide average cost per dwelling unit.		
Weatherization measures are	not subject to DOE Saving	s to Investment Ration (SIR) standards.		
Other - Describe:				
Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5				
5.6 Do you require an assets test?	C Yes C No			
5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligib	pility policies for :			
Renters	C Yes C No			
Renters living in subsidized housing?	O Yes O No			
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:				
Elderly?	C Yes C No			
Disabled?	C Yes C No			

Young Children?	C Yes C No				
House holds with high energy burdens?	C Yes C No				
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 we	atherization benefit/expenditure	per household? C Yes C No			
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0					
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)					
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measu	ares do you provide ? (Check all	categories 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/ repa	airs	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):
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Section 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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	Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4
7.1 Desc WAP, et	ribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, c.).
	Joint application for multiple programs
>	Intake referrals to/from other programs
	One - stop intake centers
	Other - Describe:

Section 8 - Agency Designation,, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6

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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	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:				
8.2 How	do you provide alternate outreach and int do you provide alternate outreach and int do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for HEATING ASS	SISTANCE?	8.4, as applicable.	
8.5 LIH	EAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a Who determines client eligibility?		Tribal Government		Tribal Government	
	o processes benefit payments to gas and wendors?				
8.5c who	processes benefit payments to bulk fuel?				
8.5d Wh measure	o performs installation of weatherization s?				
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 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?					

Each app	olicant must go through their Tribal Office for eligibility.
8.7 How	many local administering agencies do you use? 5
8.8 Have	e you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?
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 provided, attach 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 payments directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating © Yes C No
Cooling C Yes O No
Crisis © Yes © No
Are there exceptions? O Yes O No
If yes, Describe.
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? Award Letter is mailed.
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? We have a vendor agreement with each utility company that outlines program process, billing and payment guidelines. We sent a letter to each client household that contains payment details, each time we disburse any funds, so that they may track and cross reference to their utility billings. See attached example of Vendor Agreement.
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? Our Vendor Agreement specifically addresses non discrimination requirement for administering the LIHEAP Program. See attached example of Vendor Agreement.
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households? O Yes No
If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.
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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	10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds?				
	We are audited annually by an independent CPA firm. Our accounting software tracks expenditures by tribal allocations. We utilize departmental and program coding in the G/L and prepare monthly reporting, in house, for review by the tribes and STOWW Board of Directors.				
Audit Process	Audit Process				
	10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133? Yes No				
	•	ing to the level of material weakness ws, or other government agency reviews.	•	,	
No Findings	~				
Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken	
1					
10.4. Audits o	f Local Administering	Agencies			
What types of Select all that	-	ments do you have in place for local a	dministering agencies/district offices?	?	
✓ Loc	al agencies/district offi	ces are required to have an annual at	dit in compliance with Single Audit	Act and OMB Circular A-133	
Loc	al agencies/district offi	ces are required to have an annual at	udit (other than A-133)		
Loc	al agencies/district offi	ces' A-133 or other independent audi	ts are reviewed by Grantee as part of	compliance process.	
Gra	ntee conducts fiscal an	d program monitoring of local agenc	ies/district offices		
Compliance N	Compliance Monitoring				
10.5. Describe	e the Grantee's strateg	ies for monitoring compliance with th	e Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP po	licies and procedures: Select all that	
Grantee emp	loyees:				
✓ Inte	rnal program review				
✓ Dep	artmental oversight				
Seco	ondary review of invoice	ces and payments			
Oth	er program review me	chanisms are in place. Describe:			
Local Admin	istering Agencies / Dist	trict Offices:			
✓ On	- site evaluation				
Ann	ual program review				

Monitoring through central database
✓ Desk reviews
Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
Periodic, on site visits to tribal offices.
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
We obtain copies of ALL client files from tribal administration - to verify eligibility requirements are being met. We send the 5 tribal offices monthly reports from our accounting system, for cross referencing to their records. Annual phone interviews are conducted to address any concerns or problem areas encountered. We are in monthly contact with the tribes for routine management of LIHEAP Program.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
If a tribe requests a visit, that has priority. If STOWW has had any concerns regarding tribal administrations during the course of the past year, that will prompt an annual review.
Lastly, if we have not visited a site in recent, previous years that has an impact on selection.
Desk Reviews:
Desk Reviews: Tribes not having a physical visit, may be called to participate in a desk review. Completion of the Review Form is done.
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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 development of your LIHEAP plan? Select all that apply.
Tribal Council meeting(s)
Public Hearing(s)
Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
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:
Mass mailings to previous clients. Good relations and communication with individual tribes. 11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? No changes noted.
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?
Date Event Description
1
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)?
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 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?

N/A

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

STOWW and Tribes further agree that any hearing held as a result of appeals will meet the following standards: Must be held in a place reasonable convenient to the claimant, the claimant is afforded an opportunity to review the case filed and the hearing officer is a tribal official who is not involved in the decision being appealed. Program funds will be set aside pending each appeal. The applicant will have 30 days to appeal. The applicant would then be granted a hearing within 30 days of appeal. The STOWW Board, STOWW and Tribal LIHEAP staff, a tribal hearing officer and the client will be present during the hearing.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicant rights to a fair hearing are stated on the Application Form and are so notified during the initial application process.

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

STOWW and Tribes further agree that any hearing held as a result of appeals will meet the following standards: Must be held in a place reasonable convenient to the claimant, the claimant is afforded an opportunity to review the case filed and the hearing officer is a tribal official who is not involved in the decision being appealed. Program funds will be set aside pending each appeal. The applicant will have 30 days to appeal. The applicant would then be granted a hearing within 30 days of appeal. The STOWW Board, STOWW and Tribal LIHEAP staff, a tribal hearing officer and the client will be present during the hearing. If it is determined that STOWW of Tribal Office is delinquent in meeting the 30 day hearing time frame, client needs to confirm their hearing request and such extension for hearing will be accommodated.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed in writing within 30 days via a phone call AND via mail.

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?

STOWW provides a list of helpful energy tips on the back of our statement letter, sent to each client. We distribute educational pamphlets, weatherization products or energy kits each fiscal cycle.

13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?

Our accounting system has departmental and program coding by tribes and separate grant awards. We track all expenditures in this manner and review monthly budget to actual reporting.

13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.

Knowledge and education material impact is difficult to measure. There are over 100 households who benefit from lower energy costs and general physical health by maintaining a warm household through the winter months and using energy efficient lighting and lower water consumption education.

 $13.4\ Describe\ the\ level\ of direct\ benefits provided\ to\ those\ households\ in\ the\ previous\ Federal\ fiscal\ year.$

N/A

13.5 How many households applied for these services? $\,\mathrm{N/A}$

13.6 How many households received these services? 106

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? $\hfill C$ Yes $\hfill \hfill \hfill$ No

14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.

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. \hat{A} § 96.87(d)(2)(iii), describe the following:

Resource	e 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	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 Describer

>	Policies communicated through vendor agreements
	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
by phon	Other - Describe: e, as needed
15.2 Do • Yes • No	es your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?

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.

Section 17 - Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)

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	Section 17: Program	n Integrity, 2605(b)(10)				
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms						
a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.						
Online Fraud Reporting						
Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline						
Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office						
Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General						
Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse						
Other - Describe: Application and Statement Letter contains the verbiage "If you suspect fraud of any kind with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; please report it immediately to either your Tribal representative, or the the LIHEAP Program Manager (1-800-567-6690 ext. 226) for further investigation.						
	advertising the above-referenced res	ources. Select all that apply				
Printed outreach mater						
Addressed on LIHEAP	application					
Website						
Other - Describe:						
17.2. Identification Documentation	n Requirements					
a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household members.						
Collected from Whom?						
Type of Identification Collected	Conceed from Whom:					
	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	Required	Required	Required			
	Requested	Requested	Requested			

(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)]			
Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Household Required	All Adults in Household Requested	All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested
1						
b. Describe any exceptions to the abo	b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.					
17.3 Identification Verification	17.3 Identification Verification					
Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply						
Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration						
Match SSNs with death recor	Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency					
Match SSNs with state eligibi	ility/case managemen	t system (e.g., SNA	AP, TANF)			
Match with state Department	Match with state Department of Labor system					
Match with state and/or feder	ral corrections system	n				
Match with state child suppo	rt system					
Verification using private sof	tware (e.g., The Wor	k Number)				
In-person certification by sta	ff (for tribal grantees	only)				
Match SSN/Tribal ID numbe	r with tribal databas	e or enrollment re	cords (for tribal g	rantees only)		
Other - Describe:						
17.4. Citizenship/Legal Residency V	erification					
What are your procedures for ensur all that apply.	ing that household m	embers are U.S. c	itizens or aliens w	ho are qualified to	receive LIHEAP b	enefits? Select
Clients sign an attestation of	Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or legal residency					
Client's submission of Social	l Security cards is ac	cepted as proof of	legal residency			
Noncitizens must provide do	ocumentation of imm	igration status				
Citizens must provide a cop	y of their birth certif	icate, naturalizatio	on papers, or pass	port		
Noncitizens are verified thro	ough the SAVE system	m				
Tribal members are verified	▼ Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card					
Other - Describe:						
17.5. Income Verification						
What methods does your agency util	lize to verify househo	ld income? Select	all that apply.			
Require documentation of in	come for all adult ho	isehold members				
Pay stubs						
Social Security award	letters					
Bank statements						
Tax statements						
Zero-income statemen						
Unemployment Insura	ance letters					
Other - Describe:						
Computer data matches:						
Income information m	natched against state	computer system ((e.g., SNAP, TAN	F)		
Proof of unemploymen	nt benefits verified w	ith state Departme	ent of Labor			
Social Security income	e verified with SSA					

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:
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✓ 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:
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? 1 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.

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)

3040 96th St S * Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Lakewood * City	WA * State	98499 <u>*</u> 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.

[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

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

(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

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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).		