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(vi) Whether a project's Total Acquisition Cost is in excess of the comprehensive Tribal IV-D agency's total Tribal IV-D program grant award for the year in which the request is made.

(9) *Service Agreement* means a document signed by the Tribe or Tribal organization operating a comprehensive Tribal IV-D program under §309.65(a) and the State or other comprehensive Tribal IV-D program whenever the latter provides data processing services to the former and identifies those ADP services that the State or other comprehensive Tribal IV-D program will provide to the Tribe or Tribal organization. Additionally, a Service Agreement would include the following details:

(i) Schedule of charges for each identified ADP service and a certification that these charges apply equally to all users;

(ii) Description of the method(s) of accounting for the services rendered under the agreement and computing service charges;

(iii) Assurances that services provided will be timely and satisfactory;

(iv) Assurances that information in the computer system as well as access, use and disposal of ADP data will be safeguarded in accordance with proposed §310.15;

(v) Beginning and ending dates of the period of time covered by the Service Agreement; and

(vi) Schedule of expected total charges for the period of the Service Agreement.

(10) *Simplified Acquisition Threshold* for ADP systems, equipment, and service acquisitions means a Tribe or Tribal organization's monetary threshold for determining whether competitive acquisition rules are required for a given procurement or \$100,000, whichever is less.

(b) The following terms apply to this part and are defined in §95.605 of this title: "Acquisition"; "Advance Planning Document (APD)"; "Design or System Design"; "Development"; "Enhancement"; "Federal Financial Participation (FFP)"; "Operation"; "Project"; "Software"; and "Total Acquisition Cost".

(c) All of the terms defined in §309.05 of this chapter apply to this part.

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Subpart B—Requirements for Computerized Tribal IV-D Systems and Office Automation

§310.5 What options are available for Computerized Tribal IV-D Systems and office automation?

(a) *Allowable computerized support enforcement systems for a Comprehensive Tribal IV-D agency.* A comprehensive Tribal IV-D agency may have in effect an operational computerized support enforcement system that meets Federal requirements under this part.

(b) *Computerized Tribal IV-D Systems.* A Computerized Tribal IV-D System must be one of the design options listed below. A comprehensive Tribal IV-D program may automate its case processing and recordkeeping processes through:

(1) Installation, operation, maintenance, or enhancement of the Model Tribal IV-D System designed by OCSE to address the program requirements defined in a Tribal IV-D plan in accordance with §309.65(a) of this chapter and the functional requirements in §310.10 of this part;

(2) Establishment of Intergovernmental Service Agreements with a State or another comprehensive Tribal IV-D agency for access to that agency's existing automated data processing computer system to support comprehensive Tribal IV-D program operations.

(c) *Office Automation.* A comprehensive Tribal IV-D agency may opt to conduct automated data processing and recordkeeping activities through Office Automation. Allowable activities under this paragraph include procurement, installation, operation and maintenance of essential Office Automation capability as defined in §310.1 of this part.

(d) *Alternative to Computerized Tribal IV-D Systems and Office Automation.* A comprehensive Tribal IV-D agency may design, develop, procure, or enhance an automated data processing system funded entirely with Tribal funds.

§310.10 What are the functional requirements for the Model Tribal IV-D System?

A Model Tribal IV-D System must:

(a) Accept, maintain and process the actions in the support collection and paternity determination processes under the Tribal IV-D plan, including:

(1) Identifying information such as Social Security numbers, names, dates of birth, home addresses and mailing addresses (including postal zip codes) on individuals against whom paternity and support obligations are sought to be established or enforced and on individuals to whom support obligations are owed, and other data as may be requested by OCSE;

(2) Verifying information on individuals referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section with Tribal, Federal, State and local agencies, both intra-tribal and intergovernmental;

(3) Maintaining information pertaining to:

(i) Applications and referrals for Tribal IV-D services, including:

- (A) Case record;
- (B) Referral to the appropriate processing unit (i.e., locate or paternity establishment);
- (C) Caseworker notification;
- (D) Case Identification Number; and
- (E) Participant Identification Number;

(ii) Delinquency and enforcement activities;

(iii) Intra-tribal, intergovernmental, and Federal location of the putative father and noncustodial parents;

(iv) The establishment of paternity;

(v) The establishment of support obligations;

(vi) The payment and status of current support obligations;

(vii) The payment and status of arrearage accounts;

(4) Maintaining data on case actions administered by both the initiating and responding jurisdictions in intergovernmental cases;

(b) Update, maintain and manage all IV-D cases under the Tribal IV-D plan from initial application or referral through collection and enforcement, including any events, transactions, or actions taken therein;

(c) Record and report any fees collected, either directly or by interfacing with State or Tribal financial management and expenditure information;

(d) Distribute current support and arrearage collections in accordance with Federal regulations at §309.115 of this chapter and Tribal laws;

(e) Maintain, process and monitor accounts receivable on all amounts owed, collected, and distributed with regard to:

(1) Detailed payment histories that include the following:

- (i) Amount of each payment;
- (ii) Date of each collection;
- (iii) Method of payment;
- (iv) Distribution of payments; and
- (v) Date of each disbursement;

(2) Automated income withholding activities such as:

(i) Recording and maintaining any date the noncustodial parent defaults on payment of the support obligation in an amount equal to the support payable for one month;

(ii) Generating the Standard Federal Income Withholding Form; and

(iii) Allocating amounts received by income withholding according to §§ 309.110 and 309.115 of this chapter.

(f) Maintain and automatically generate data necessary to meet Federal reporting requirements on a timely basis as prescribed by OCSE. At a minimum this must include:

(1) Yearly notices on support collected, which are itemized by month of collection and provided to families receiving services under the comprehensive Tribal IV-D program as required in §309.75(c) of this chapter, to all case participants regarding support collections; and

(2) Reports submitted to OCSE for program monitoring and program performance as required in §309.170 of this chapter;

(g) Provide automated processes to enable OCSE to monitor Tribal IV-D program operations and to assess program performance through the audit of financial and statistical data maintained by the system; and

(h) Provide security to prevent unauthorized access to, or use of, the data in the system as detailed in §310.15 of this part.