

Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comments due date: February 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) the title of the

information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

**David S. Cristy,**

*Director, Information Resources Management Policy and Management Division.*

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB**

*Proposal:* Conveyance (Acquisition) and Disposition Information Collections

contained in Handbook 4310.5 entitled "Property Disposition Handbook, One-to-Four Family Properties".

*Office:* Housing.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-0306.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:*

These information collections are needed to determine the condition of the property upon conveyance, to determine the results of the repair contracts, and to monitor the contractor's performance in maintaining the properties. The sales contracts will be used as binding contracts between the purchaser and HUD. Respondents are potential contractors, contractors who work for HUD, and potential and actual purchasers of HUD-owned properties.

*Form Number:* HUD-9516A, 9519, 9519A, 9544, 9548, 9548A, 9548B, 9548C, and 9733.

*Respondents:* Business or Other For-Profit, Individuals or Households, Not-For-Profit, Institutions, State, Local, or Tribal Government, and the Federal Government.

*Frequency of Submission:* On Occasion.

*Reporting Burden:*

	Number of respondents	x	Frequency of response	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Information Collections .....	46,550		Varies		.50		248,570

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 248,570.

*Status:* Revision.

*Contact:* Rose Donnelly/Art Orton, HUD, (202) 708-4767, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications to Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 1999 or Calendar Year 1999**

**AGENCY:** Office of Self-Governance, Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 2, 1998, deadline for tribes/

consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 1999 or calendar year 1999.

**DATES:** Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance by March 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to the Director, Office of Self-Governance, U.S. Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 2542, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, U.S.

Department of the Interior, Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 2548, Washington, DC 20240, 202-219-0240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-413), as amended by the Fiscal Year 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-208) the Director, Office of Self-Governance may select up to 50 additional participating tribes/consortia per year

for the tribal self-governance program, and negotiate and enter into an annual written funding agreement with each participating tribe. The Act mandates that the Secretary submit copies of the funding agreements at least 90 days before the proposed effective date to the appropriate committees of the Congress and to each tribe that is served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency that is serving the tribe that is a party to the funding agreement. Initial negotiations with a tribe/consortium located in an area and/or agency which has not previously been involved with self-governance negotiations, will take approximately two months from start to finish. Agreements for an October 1 to September 30 fiscal year need to be signed and submitted by July 1. Agreements for a January 1 to December 31 fiscal year need to be signed and submitted by October 1.

**Background**

On February 15, 1995, an interim rule was published in the **Federal Register**

announcing the criteria for tribes to be included in an applicant pool and the establishment of the selection process for tribes/consortia to negotiate agreements pursuant to the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994. This interim rule was added to Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations at Part 1001 of Chapter VI. While it may be changed by later rulemaking, the Act stipulates that the lack of promulgated regulations will not limit its effect. It should be noted that a proposed rulemaking has been negotiated between tribal and Federal members of a self-governance negotiated rulemaking committee and is currently in the process of being prepared for publication in the **Federal Register** for review and comment.

**Purpose of Notice**

The interim rules established at 25 CFR parts 1001.1 to 1001.5 will be used to govern the application and selection process for tribes/consortia to begin their participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 1999 and calendar year 1999. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in 25 CFR parts 1001.1 to 1001.5 in preparing their applications. Copies of the interim rules published in the **Federal Register** on February 15, 1995, may be obtained from the information contact person identified in this notice.

Tribes/consortia wishing to be considered for participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 1999 or calendar year 1999 must respond to this notice, except for those which are (1) currently involved with negotiations with the Department; (2) one of the 64 tribal entities with signed agreements; or (3) one of the tribal entities already included in the applicant pool as of the date of this notice.

The Director's decision on the actual number of tribes that will enter negotiations will be made at a later date. Tribes already in the applicant pool will retain their existing ranking with tribes entering the applicant pool under these rules receiving a lower ranking. Being in the applicant pool will not guarantee that a tribe will actually be provided the opportunity to negotiate in any given year. However, it does mean that a tribe will not be passed over by a tribe with a lower ranking in the applicant pool or by a tribe not in the applicant pool, with the exception of a tribe already in the negotiation process.

For example, if the Department determines that five tribes will be afforded the opportunity to negotiate self-governance agreements for fiscal year 1999 and calendar year 1999, the five tribes with highest rankings would

be notified and negotiations would be scheduled. The tribe ranked sixth on the list would then have the highest ranking to negotiate a self-governance agreement for 2000 or might enter negotiations for 1999 if one of the first five tribes discontinued negotiations. In such a case, the tribe that discontinued negotiations would remain in the applicant pool with its original ranking and would be the first to be selected in 1999 for negotiating agreements commencing in 2000.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

**William A. Sinclair,**  
*Director, Office of Self-Governance.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Tribal Self-Governance Notice of Availability of Self-Governance Negotiation/Planning Grants**

**AGENCY:** Office of Self-Governance, Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of grants availability.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) announces the availability of fiscal year 1998 negotiation grants (up to 15 grants of no more than \$40,000 each) and advance planning grants (up to 5 grants of no more than \$40,000 each). The timeframes for application and selection vary with the type of grant and are specified in this announcement.

**DATES:** Applications must be submitted in accordance with the table below:

Type of grant	Deadline for submitting application
Negotiation .....	Mar. 31, 1998.
Advance planning .....	May 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed applications for grants should be sent to the Director, Office of Self-Governance, U.S. Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 2542, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 2542, Washington, DC 20240, 202-219-0240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tribal self-governance program is designed to promote self-determination by allowing tribes to assume more control through negotiated annual funding agreements of programs operated by the Department

of the Interior. The Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-413) allows for negotiations to be conducted for programs operated by BIA and for programs operated by other bureaus and offices within the Department that are otherwise available to Indians or when there is a historical, cultural, or geographic connection to an Indian tribe.

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of planning and negotiation grants in accordance with the self-governance interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 1996. The interim rules were established at 25 CFR 1001.7 to 1001.9 and will be used to govern the application and selection process for tribes/consortia to receive fiscal year 1998 negotiation and planning grants as specified in this notice. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in 25 CFR 1001.7 to 1001.9 in preparing their applications. Copies of the interim rules published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 1996, may be obtained from the information contact person identified in this notice.

Subject to the discretion of the Director, Office of Self-Governance, the following types of grants are available to tribes/consortia in 1998 with the deadlines as stated below:

(1) *Negotiation Grants:* Up to 15 grants of no more than \$40,000 may be made available. Grants to tribes/consortia already receiving advance planning grants shall be limited to \$20,000. As announced in today's **Federal Register**, the closing date for submitting completed applications to begin participation in tribal self-governance in fiscal year 1999 or calendar year 1999 is March 2, 1998. Applications requesting to be included in the applicant pool to begin participation in tribal self-governance may be submitted at any time. Tribes/consortia selected from the applicant pool to begin participation in tribal self-governance in fiscal year 1999 or calendar year 1999, may be eligible to receive a negotiation grant. Each selected tribe/consortium will be notified by March 16, 1998, and must submit a written application for a negotiation grant, no later than March 31, 1998, indicating its intention to negotiate an annual funding agreement with any bureau within DOI for 1999.

(2) *Advance Planning Grants:* Up to five grants of no more than \$40,000 may be made available. The closing date for submitting applications to receive a grant to plan for future participation in the tribal self-governance program is May 1, 1998. No later than June 1, 1998, each applicant will be notified by letter