

*Respondents:* Federally recognized Indian tribes with Indian land.

*Number of Respondents:* 55 applicants per year; 18 project participants each year.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per year for applications; 4 times per year for progress reports.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 40 hours per application; 1.5 hours per progress report.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 2,308 hours (2,200 for applications and 108 for progress reports).

Dated: January 15, 2013.

**John Ashley,**

*Acting Assistant Director for Information Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications To Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2014 or Calendar Year 2014

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of application deadline.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 1, 2013, deadline for Indian tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2014 or calendar year 2014.

**DATES:** Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 1, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 355-G-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance, Telephone 202-208-5734.

#### 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 a 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 a region and/or agency which has not previously been involved with self-governance negotiations, will take approximately 2 months from start to finish. Agreements for an October 1 to September 30 funding year need to be signed and submitted by July 1. Agreements for a January 1 to December 31 funding year need to be signed and submitted by October 1.

#### Purpose of Notice

The regulations at 25 CFR sections 1000.10 to 1000.31 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 2014 and calendar year 2014. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in these subparts in preparing their applications. Copies of these subparts 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 2014 or calendar year 2014 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are: (1) Currently involved in negotiations with the Department; or (2) one of the 107 tribal entities with signed agreements.

#### Information Collection

This information collection is authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0143, Tribal Self-Governance Program.

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**Kevin K. Washburn,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Needles Field Office, Needles, California intends to prepare an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the sale of approximately 133 acres of public land and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the CDCA Plan amendment with associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until February 22, 2013. The BLM does not plan to hold any scoping meetings for this plan amendment. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the CDCA Plan amendment and associated EA by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [gmeckfessel@blm.gov](mailto:gmeckfessel@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 760-326-7099.
- *Mail:* Raymond Lee, BLM Needles Field Manager, 1303 S. Highway 95, Needles, CA 92363.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Needles Field Office, 1303 S. U.S. Highway 95, Needles, CA 92363.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George R. Meckfessel, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM Needles Field Office, telephone 760-326-7008; address 1303 S. U.S. Highway 95, Needles, CA 92363; email [gmeckfessel@blm.gov](mailto:gmeckfessel@blm.gov). You may also request to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM is providing notice that the BLM Needles Field Office, Needles, California intends to prepare an amendment to the 1980 CDCA Plan with