DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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7. APPLICANT	INFORMATION							
* a. Legal Nam	e: Kenaitze Indian Tribe							
* b. Employer/	Faxpayer Identification I	Number (EIN/TIN): 1-9	20069243-A1	* c. Organizat	ional DUN	NS: 149211364	4	
* d. Address:				T.				
* Street 1:	P.O. BOX 988			Street 2:				
* City:	KENAI			County:				
* State:	AK			Province:				
* Country:	United States			* Zip / Post	al Code:	99611 -		
e. Organization	al Unit:			•		I-		
Department Na	ime:			Division Name:				
f. Name and cor	ntact information of pers	on to be contacted on ma	tters involving tl	his application:				
Prefix:	* First Name: Darby		Middle Name:	* Last Name: Gruber				
Suffix:	Title: Grants & Acquisitions	Administrator	Organizational	al Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number: (907) 335-7206	Fax Number (907) 335-7239		* Email: dgruber@kena	naitze.org				
	APPLICANT: American Tribal Governn	nent (Federally Recognized	1)					
b. Additional	Description:	, ,	<u>, </u>					
* 9. Name of Fe	ederal Agency:							
			og of Federal Dom ssistance Number:	g of Federal Domestic sistance Number:			CFDA Title:	
10. CFDA Numbe	ers and Titles	93568			Low-Inco	me Home Energ	y Assistance	
11. Descriptive	Title of Applicant's Proj	ect						
12. Areas Affec Kenai, Soldotn	ted by Funding: a, Sterling, Nikiski, Salam	atof, Cooper Landing, Kas	silof					
13. CONGRESS	SIONAL DISTRICTS O	F:						
* a. Applicant AK				b. Program/Pr	oject:			
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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.							
14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:					
a. Start Date: 10/01/2015	b. End Date: 09/30/2016		* a. Federal (\$): \$0	b. Match (\$): \$0			
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO R	EVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTI	VE ORDER 12	2372 PROCESS?				
a. This submission was made availabl	le to the State under the Executive Order	12372					
Process for Review on:							
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 b	b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.						
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 123	372.						
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Ar C YES NO							
Explanation:							
accurate to the best of my knowledge. I a	(1) to the statements contained in the list also provide the required assurances** are tents or claims may subject me to crimina	nd agree to con	nply with any resulting term	ns if I accept an award. I am aware that			
** The list of certifications and assurance	es, or an internet site where you may obt	ain this list, is	contained in the announcem	ent or agency specific instructions.			
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Aurora Hawkins	f Authorized Certifying Official		18c. Telephone (area code, (907) 335- 7200 Ext.	number and extension)			
			18d. Email Address ahawkins@kenaitze.org				
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying	Official	18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/01/2015					
Attach supporting docum	nents as specified in agenc	y instruc	tions.				

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) **MODEL PLAN** SF - 424 - MANDATORY

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20447

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Expiration Date: 02/28/2005 THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Section 1 Program Components Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. **Dates of Operation** (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.) **End Date Start Date** 10/01/2015 09/30/2016 Heating assistance V Cooling assistance Crisis assistance 10/01/2015 09/30/2016 V 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 1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to Percentage (%) 75.00% Heating assistance Cooling assistance 0.00% 5.00% Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance 0.00% Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 10.00% Administrative and planning costs 10.00% 0.00% Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) 0.00% Used to develop and implement leveraging activities TOTAL 100.00% Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:

~	He	Heating assistance				Cooling assistance				
	W	Weatherization assistance				Othe	er (specify:)			
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1.4 De		y, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c) nouseholds categorically eligible if one					ategori	ies of benefits in th	ne left	column below? 💽
		s" to question 1.4, you must complete t	he tal	ble below and answ	er que	estions 1.5 and 1.6.				
				Heating	ī	Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
TANF	ı		\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	ΘY	es O No	0	Yes ONo
SSI			\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	ΘY	es 🖸 No	0	Yes ONo
SNAP			\odot	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	ΘY	res O No	0	Yes ONo
Means	-tested Veterans	Programs	0	Yes 💿 No	0	Yes 💽 No	Oy	es 💽 No	0	Yes 💽 No
		Program Name	1	Heating		Cooling		Crisis	11	Weatherization
Other((Specify) 1			C Yes C No		C Yes C No		O Yes O No		C Yes C No
1.5 Do	o you automatic	ally enroll households without a direct	annı	ıal application? 🔘	Yes	⊙ No				
If Yes	s, explain:									
detern All ap the sen	mining eligibilit pplications will b rvice area, provi	re there is no difference in the treatment y and benefit amounts? e processed in the same manner. Categor de Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, I documentation of energy cost/need.	ically	eligible households	will p	rovide income verific	ation.	All households wil	l prov	ide proof of residency in
CNIAD	Nominal Darm	onto								
-	Nominal Paym	LIHEAP funds toward a nominal payn	nont f	For SNAP household	1c2 C	Vas. (No.				
		s'' to question 1.7a, you must provide a								
		inal Assistance: \$0	тезр	onse to questions 1.	70, 1.	7C, and 1.7u.				
	requency of As									
	Once Per Yea	г								
	Once every fiv	e years								
	Other - Descri	be:								
1.7d I	How do you con	firm that the household receiving a nor	minal	payment has an en	ergy (cost or need?				
Deterr	mination of Elig	bility - Countable Income								
1.8. Ir	n determining a	household's income eligibility for LIH	EAP.	do vou use gross in	come	or net income ?				
	Gross Income	, , , , <u></u>	,							
>	Net Income									
1.9. S	elect all the app	licable forms of countable income used	l to d	etermine a househo	ld's in	come eligibility for	LIHE	AP		
>	Wages									
>	Self - Employi	nent Income								
>	Contract Inco	me								
>	Payments from	n mortgage or Sales Contracts								
>	Unemploymer	t insurance								
	Strike Pay									

>	Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits
	Including MediCare deduction Excluding MediCare deduction
~	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
~	Retirement / pension benefits
~	General Assistance benefits
~	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
	Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) benefits
	Loans that need to be repaid
	Cash gifts
	Savings account balance
	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
	Jury duty compensation
~	Rental income
	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
	Income from work study programs
~	Alimony
~	Child support
	Interest, dividends, or royalties
	Commissions
	Legal settlements
	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
	Veterans Administration (VA) benefits
	Earned income of a child under the age of 18
	Balance of retirement, pension, or annuity accounts where funds cannot be withdrawn without a penalty.
	Income tax refunds
	Stipends from senior companion programs, such as VISTA

Funds received by household for the care of a foster child
Ameri-Corp Program payments for living allowances, earnings, and in-kind aid
Reimbursements (for mileage, gas, lodging, meals, etc.)
Other
ny of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, ch a document with said explanation here.

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(b)	(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate the i	ncome eligibility threshold used for the hea	ting compone	net:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%				
2.2 Do you have at HEATING ASSITA	dditional eligibility requirements for ANCE?	⊙ Yes	Ĉ No					
2.3 Check the app	ropriate boxes below and describe the polic							
Do you require an	Assets test ?	C Yes	® No					
Do you have addit	ional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		€ Yes						
	ing in subsidized housing ?	€ Yes						
	n utilities included in the rent ?	⊙ Yes	U No					
Do you give priori	ty in eligibility to:	10						
Elderly?		⊙ Yes						
Disabled?	9	⊙ Yes						
Young child		⊙ Yes						
	with high energy burdens ?	O Yes						
Other?	olicies for each "yes" checked above:	Yes	No No					
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	As per Kenaitze Indian Tribe Elder 55 and ove							
	vith a physical or mental impairment, which li rity Income (SSI), State of Alaska Interim Ass		re major life activity, as determined by eligibility Veterans disability benefits).	for Social Security disability insurance,				
Children - under ag	ge 6							
Pregnant Woman -	having a child developing in the body; with cl	hild or young, a	as a woman					
The household mus	st reside in our service area and one member o	f the household	must be present in the state.					
Service Area: Con	nmunities include Cooper Landing, Sterling, S	oldotna, Kasilo	of, Kenai and Nikiski.					
A household is not	eligible to participate in the heating assistance	e program if, at	the time of eligibility determination, the househo	old				
Has received LIHE	AP and/or AKAHP benefits from the State of							
Alaska								
Resides in a crisis of	center, hotel, motel, tent, or other shelter norm	ally intended for	or temporary occupancy					
Resides in a hospita facility	al, nursing home, pioneer home, or other publi	c/private institu	ation to receive treatments for a mental or physical	al illness, student dormitory or correctional				
Clients who reside	in rental housing are required to provide lease	or rental agren	nent as proof of address.					
Determination of B	enefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(1	В)						

2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance tovulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc.

For our Priority groups, we will add one point to the income adjusted heating cost points if the household includes one or more members of the following household members;							
Elderly (age 55) - As per Kenaitze Indian Tribe Elder 55 and over							
Disabled - Person with a physical or mental impairment, which limits one or more major life activity, as determined by eligibility for Social Security disability insurance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), State of Alaska Interim Assistance and/or Veterans disability benefits).							
Children - under age 6							
Pregnant Woman - having a child developing in the body; with child or young, as a woman							
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):							
☑ Income							
Family (household) size							
✓ Home energy cost or need:							
✓ Fuel type							
✓ Climate/region							
☑ Individual bill							
✓ Dwelling type							
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)							
Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
Step 1 - Community fuel points							
The division has assigned heating cost points to each community in the state, based upon the							
community's annual fuel cost and climatic conditions. These points are listed in Appendix A.							
If the household uses natural gas and another fuel type for heat, the division will use the community heating cost points for natural gas.							
If the household uses self-harvested wood or coal for heat, the division will use the community heating cost points for oil multiplied by 0.5.							
If the household uses purchased wood or coal for heat, the division will use the community heating cost points for oil multiplied by 0.8.							
Step 2 - Dwelling type							
The division will multiply the community heating cost points by the first one of the following							
factors that describes the household's dwelling. If more than one factor applies, the division will							
use the factor listed first:							
1) the factor of 1.4 if the household resides in a mobile home with heated living space of 980 square feet or more;							
2) the factor of 0.4 if the household resides in a travel trailer or mobile home less than 35 feet in length, or in an RV, tent or pickup camper;							
3) the factor of 0.15 if the household resides in a one-room dwelling such as a studio apartment, hotel or boarding home;							
4) the factor of 0.35 if the household resides on a boat;							
5) the factor of 0.55 if the household resides in a one-bedroom dwelling, or a one-room house or cabin without bedrooms;							
6) the factor of 1.3 if the household resides in a three-or-more-bedroom single family, duplex or triplex home;							
7) the factor of 0.7 if the household resides in a two-bedroom unit in an apartment building of four or more attached units.							
If the household resides in a single residence with one or more other households, the heating cost							

points are reduced to the household's proportionate share of the home heating expenses.

Step 3 - Household size and income

The division reviews and verifies each household's gross income for the month prior to

application. Verification may be provided through: documentary evidence (wage stub, award letter, etc.); Division of Public Assistance and Department of Labor records; or impartial third parties such as free agents, village council representatives, or social service agencies.

The division will assign each household the following percentage of heating cost points based upon the household's gross monthly income and family size, expressed as a percentage of the Alaska poverty level. The Alaska poverty level figures are included in Appendix B.

100 percent of points if the household's gross monthly income is no more than 25 percent

of the Alaska poverty level;

90 percent of points if the household's gross monthly income is more than 25 percent but

no more than 50 percent of the Alaska poverty level;

80 percent of points if the household's gross monthly income is more than 50 percent but

no more than 75 percent of the Alaska poverty level;

70 percent of points if the household's gross monthly income is more than 75 percent but

no more than 100 percent of the Alaska poverty level;

60 percent of points if the household's gross monthly income is more than 100 percent

but no more than 125 percent of the Alaska poverty level;

50 percent of points if the household's gross monthly income is more than 125 percent of

The Alaska poverty level but no more than the maximum allowable.

If the household's gross monthly income exceeds the maximum allowable poverty level the household is not eligible. All households' over-income for the LIHEAP program will be referred to the Alaska Heating Assistance Program (AKHAP).

Step 4 - Priority groups

The division will add one point to the income adjusted heating cost points if the household

includes one or more members 55 years of age or older, legally disabled, under six years of age or pregnant women.

Step 5 - Heating points of 2.0 or more

Households must have heating cost points of 2.0 or more to be eligible for heating assistance.

Step 6 - Round points

The division will round the final total heating cost points to the nearest whole number. The total

heating cost points may not exceed 35 points.

Step 7 - Multiply by the benefit rate to determine household benefit

The division will multiply by the FY 2015 benefit rate of \$150.00 to determine the amount of the

household's heating assistance.

The amount of heating assistance may be reduced by the amount of the unpaid balance that the household owes the division for previously awarded heating assistance to which the household was not entitled. The division will use this method of recoupment of overpayments only if the household has not responded to the division's request for repayment or the household defaults on its repayment agreement.

The following examples illustrate how a household's heating assistance benefit is determined.

	Example 1		Benefit calculation:
Step 1.	Community, Fuel	Kenai, N Gas	6 points
Step 2.	Dwelling	3 bedroom house	6 points $\times 1.3 = 7.8$ points
Step 3.	Household Size, Income	4, \$2,150	76-100% of poverty = 70%
			$7.8 \text{ points } \times 0.7 = 5.46 \text{ points}$
Step 4.	Household includes elderly, disabled or child under age 6	No	N/A
Step 5.	Heating points of 2.0 or more	Yes	5.46 points
Step 6.	Round points		Rounded = 5 points
Step 7.	Multiply by benefit rate		5 points x \$150 = \$750
	Example 2		Benefit calculation:
Step 1.	Community, Fuel	Soldotna, Oil	9 points
Step 2.	Dwelling	2 bedrm, 4+unit bldg	9 points x $0.7 = 6.3$ points
Step 3.	Household Size, Income	2, \$1,685	101-125% of poverty = 60%
			6.3 points x $0.6 = 3.78$ points
Step 4.	Household includes elderly, disabled or child under age 6	Yes	3.78 points + 1 = 4.78 points
Step 5.	Heating points of 2.0 or more	Yes	5 points
Step 6.	Round points		Rounded = 5 points
Step 7.	Multiply by benefit rate		5 points x \$150 = \$750
	Example 3		Benefit calculation:
Step 1.	Community, Fuel	Kenai, Oil	8 points
Step 2.	Dwelling	2 bedroom house	No adjustment
Step 3.	Household Size, Income	5, \$2,300	76-100% of poverty = 70%
			8 points \times 0.7 = 5.6 points
Step 4.	Household includes elderly, disabled or child under age 6	Yes	5.6 points + 1 = 6.6 points
Step 5.	Heating points of 2.0 or more	Yes	6.6 points
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Step 6.	Round points				Rounded = 7 points					
Step 7.	Multiply by benefit rate				7 points x \$150 = \$1,050					
	Example 4				Benefit calculation:					
Step 1.	Community, Fuel	Nikiski, Propane		7 points						
Step 2.	Dwelling	Studio apar	rtment	7 points x $0.15 = 1.05$ points						
Step 3.	Household Size, Income	1, \$1,250		101-125% of poverty = 60%						
					$1.05 \text{ points } \times 0.6 = 0.63 \text{ points}$					
Step 4.	Household includes elderly, disabled or chil age 6	No		N/A						
Step 5.	Heating points of 2.0 or more	No		0.63 points						
Step 6.	Round points				N/A					
Step 7.	Multiply by benefit rate				Ineligible					
Benefit Levels	, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)									
2.6 Describe e	stimated benefit levels for FY 2016:									
Minimum Ber	nefit	\$150		Maximum Benefit		\$5,250				
2.7 Do you pro	ovide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters)	and/or o	ther forms o	f benefits? • Yes No		•				
If yes, describe.										
	In a crisis situation purchase of wood bundles, space heaters, blankets, sleeping bags, emergency lodging (NTE 3 days), prevention of shut-offs and payment of reconnection charges will be determined by the Social Services Assistant and/or Social & Financial Services Manager.									
If any of t	f any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided									

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	Section 3 - Cooling Assistance									
Eligibility, 2605(c)	(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2									
3.1 Designate The	3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Cooling componenet:									
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold						
1				0.00%						
3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for COOLING ASSITANCE?			○ No							
3.3 Check the appr	ropriate boxes below and describe the police	cies for each.								
Do you require an	Assets test ?	C Yes	○ No							
Do you have addit	ional/differing eligibility policies for:									
Renters?		C Yes	○ No							
Renters Livi	ng in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	O No							
Renters with	utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	○ No							
Do you give priori	ty in eligibility to:									
Elderly?		C Yes	O No							
Disabled?		C Yes	O _{No}							
Young children?		C Yes	C Yes C No							
Households with high energy burdens?		C Yes	C Yes C No							
Other?			C Yes C No							
Explanations of po	olicies for each "yes" checked above:	"								
3.4 Describe how y	ou prioritize the provision of cooling assis	tance tovulnera	ble populations,e.g., benefit amounts,	early application periods, etc.						
Determination of B	enefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(В)								
3.5 Check the vari	ables you use to determine your benefit lev	els. (Check all	that apply):							
Income										
Family (hous	sehold) size									
Home energy	cost or need:									
Fuel t	ype									
Clima	te/region									
Indivi	dual bill									
Dwell	ing type									
Energ	y burden (% of income spent on home ene	rgy)								
Energ	y need									
Other	- Describe:									

Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2016:						
Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0			
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or of	ther forms of bei	nefits? CYes CNo				
If yes, describe.						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

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Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)

4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component

Add Household size		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 crisis.

Eligibility - All clients must have exhausted their regular benefit amount and demonstrate that they have contacted other local agencies for assistance.

All applicants must apply for the State of Alaska General Relief Program and verification must be via phone, fax, email or in writing. Phone verification will be made with Love Inc., to verify that an application or intake took place and whether the application is pending, denied or approved. If approved through either agency Kenaitze Indian Tribe will conduct an eligibility review. If either denies application or intake, further investigation prior to processing application will be made by the Social Services and/or the Social & Financial Services Manager.

The household must submit a shut off notice and obtain direct notice in writing or verbally from a utility vendor and has a need for further sistance in order to keep from shut off after the regular benefit has exhausted.

In a crisis situation purchase of space heaters, blankets, sleeping bags, emergency lodging (NTE 3 days), and prevention of shut-offs and payment of reconnection charges will be determined by the Social Services Team Lead and/or Social Services Administrator.

An additional grant may be issued if the client is subject to shut-off and has documentation that it is medically necessary to prevent a shut-off.

The Homer Electric Association tariff - Special Disconnect Notice

for III or Handicapped Members - 30 day notice prior to disconnect -

only if the Association has prior notification

4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?

If the Social Services Assistant and/or Social & Financial Services Manager are aware a client is ill or handicapped and is subject to shut off notification will be made to the Dena'ina Health Clinic or Primary Provider to advocate for notice be sent to the appropriate utility vendor.

Other referals as appropriate for services in the area.

Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)				
4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the e	nergy crisis for eligible households? 24Hours			
4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the e	nergy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situations? 18Hours			
Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)				
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCE? O Yes				
4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each				
Do you require an Assets test ?	C Yes O No			
Do you give priority in eligibility to :				
Elderly?	€ Yes C No			
Disabled?	⊙ Yes O No			
Young Children?	⊙ Yes ○ No			

Households with high energy burdens?	C Yes ⊙ No			
Other?	C Yes C No			
In Order to receive crisis assistance:				
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	⊙ Yes O No			
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	○ Yes • No			
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	• Yes ONo			
Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have received an eviction notice ?	C Yes ⊙No			
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	C Yes No			
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	C Yes ♠No			
Other?	C Yes C No			
Do you have additional / differing eligibility policies for:				
Renters?	• Yes ONo			
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:	JI.			
Elder = 55 or older Young child 6 or younger See attached Crisis Policy FY2015 LIHEAP - Renter will provide lease or rental agreement as proof of residence/address				
Determination of Benefits				
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?				
	Separate component			
Fast Track	Fast Track			
Other - Describe:				
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance beau	nefits?			
Amount to resolve the crisis.				
Other - Describe:				
Income and benefit level are calculated same as regular benefit.				
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)				
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geogr	raphically accessible to all households in the area to be served?			
⊙ Yes ○ No Explain.				
we accept application by mail, we go to client homes when needed. Social Services st	aff will work with clients to make sure that they are able to meet client needs.			
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the means to:				
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?				
⊙ Yes ○ No If No, explain.				
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?				
C Yes No If No, explain.				
If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative	e means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?			
We will mail, fax, e-mail or provide application by alternate means when available.				
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)				
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.				

Winter Crisis \$0 maximum benefit						
Summer Crisis \$0 maximum benefit						
Year-round Crisis \$5,250 maximum benefit	Year-round Crisis \$5,250 maximum benefit					
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters,	, fans) and/or	other forms	of benefits?			
• Yes O No If yes, Describe						
In a crisis situation purchase of wood bundles, space heaters charges will be determined by the Social Services Assistant			nergency lodging (NTE 3 days), prevention of shut-offs and payment of reconnection ervices Manager.			
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacemen	t using crisis	funds?				
C Yes No						
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must comple	ete question 4	.15.				
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of	f assistance p	rovided.				
	Winter Summer Crisis Year-round Crisis					
Heating system repair						
Heating system replacement	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):	Other (Specify):					
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce	a moratoriur	n on shut offs	?			
€ Yes C No						
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.						
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.						
HEA and Enstar, both have a Moratorium during the winter months.						
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) - Ass	surance 2				
5.1 Designate the income eligibility thresh	hold used for the Weatherization co	mponent			
Add	Household Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1			0.00%		
5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agree	eement to have another government	agency administer a WEATHERIZATION comp	oonent? O Yes O No		
5.3 If yes, name the agency.					
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protoc	ol for weatherization? O Yes O N	No			
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules					
5.5 Under what rules do you administer l	LIHEAP weatherization? (Check on	aly one.)			
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules				
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LII	HEAP) rules				
Mostly under LIHEAP rules with t	the following DOE WAP rule(s) who	ere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all tha	t apply):		
Income Threshold					
Weatherization of entire mul become eligible within 180 days	ti-family housing structure is permi	itted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit b	ouildings) are eligible units or will		
	Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).				
Other - Describe:					
Mostly under DOE WAP rules, wit	th the following LIHEAP rule(s) wh	ere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all tha	at apply.)		
Income Threshold					
Weatherization not subject to	DOE WAP maximum statewide av	verage cost per dwelling unit.			
Weatherization measures are	e not subject to DOE Savings to Inve	estment 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 eligi	5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :				
Renters	O Yes O No				
Renters living in subsidized housin	g? O Yes O No				
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:					
Elderly?	C Yes C No	C Yes C No			
Disabled?	C Yes C No	C Yes C No			
Young Children?	C Yes C No	C Yes C No			
House holds with high energy burd	ens? Cyes ONo	C Yes C No			
Other?	Other? C Yes C No				
If you selected "Yes" for any of the optio	ns in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you r	nust provide further explanation of these policies	in the text field below.		

Benefit Levels	Benefit Levels				
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per hous	sehold? O Yes O No				
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0					
Types of Assitance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)	Types of Assitance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)				
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categori	es 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/ repairs	Water Heater				
Water conservation measures	Cooling system replacement				
Compact florescent light bulbs	Other - Describe:				
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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):
Energy Assistance program available on Kenaitze Indian Tribe website, HOT topic, Email to all Kenaitze Indian Tribe staff, and update to the community monthly inter-agency meeting.
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided

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	Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4				
7.1 Desc	cribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).				
	Joint application for multiple programs				
>	Intake referrals to/from other programs				
	One - stop intake centers				
>	Other - Describe:				
receiving	E Indian Tribe re-organized the structure of the Community Programs Division to streamline and reduce the number of intake steps that clients take before g services. The Creation of the Ada Human Services Division, and the Na'ini Social Services Specialists who are able to assess clients for multiple services gives ability to maintain a continuity of services and make sure that clients' needs are meet to the best of our ability's.				

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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	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:					
Alternat	e Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance	15				
Alternat	e Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance	15				
If you se	lected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you mu	ıst complete questions 8	3.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applica	ble.		
8.2 How	do you provide alternate outreach and intake fo	r HEATING ASSISTAN	CE?			
8.3 How	do you provide alternate outreach and intake fo	r COOLING ASSISTAN	ICE?			
8.4 How	do you provide alternate outreach and intake fo	r CRISIS ASSISTANCE	?			
0 5 1 1111	EAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization	
	o determines client eligibility?	Tribal Government	Non-Applicable	Tribal Government	Non-Applicable	
	o processes benefit payments to gas and electric	Tribal Government	Non-Applicable	Tribal Government	Tvoir-Applicable	
8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?		Tribal Government	Non-Applicable	Tribal Government		
	Non-Applicable neasures?					
If any of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.						
8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?						
KIT is a Tribal Government which administers its own energy assitance program.						

8.7 How	8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 1				
8.8 Have Yes No	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 fields provided, a document with said explanation here.				

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	Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make payment	is directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating	€ Yes C No
Cooling	C Yes C No
Crisis	⊙ Yes O No
Are there exceptions?	⊙ Yes ◯ No
If yes, Describe.	
Self Harvest - same as if pa	yment was provided to a Wood Vendor/lower reimbursement rate.
9.2 How do you notify the	client of the amount of assistance paid?
A Notice of action is sent to	the client if the application is approved or denied.
	ed the Notice of Action is faxed, emailed or in the event of crisis or emergency phoned in directly to the vendor. The same notice is sent to the the date, amount, vendor, and account number (if applicable), as some are cash account status only mainly for oil and propane vendors.
If the application is denied	only the client is notified with an explanation
as to why it was denied. If file.	the application was denied they are welcome to reapply if their circumstances change. A copy of the Notice of Action is maintained in the client
The <u>right to appeal</u> is establ and responsibilities, includi	lished in the customer complaint policy and procedure. It is the policy of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe (KIT) that its customers have certain rights ng the right to
complaints. Such complain	olicy of KIT that customers are entitled to be informed of their rights and responsibilities and to a timely and orderly resolution to their its may pertain to but not be limited to (a) eligibility (b) staff conduct, (c) quality of care, (d), access to services, and (e) confidentiality. KIT will be the complaint within a reasonable time frame and in accordance with Tribal, State, or Federal Law
9.3 How do you assure that home energy and the amo	at the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the unt of the payment?
22	gram Agreement is signed by the Energy Supplier/Vendor. The agreement clearly defines the eligible household will be billed in the normal ed adversely, agreement not to discriminate and to be kept confidential. See Appendix C.
9.4 How do you assure tha	at no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance?
Clients are assured of pirva	cy and given copies of the privacy policy upon intake to any KIT program.
9.5. Do you make paymen O Yes • No	ts contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?
If so, describe the meas	ures unregulated vendors may take.
If any of the above	questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided,

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	Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)					
Fiscal control an	10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds? Fiscal control and fund accounting procedures are provided by the Tribe to assure proper disbursement of and accounting of federal funds. The Kenaitze Indian Tribe is audited every year to comply with the Single Audit Act, Public Law 98-502 and OMB Circular A-133.					
Audit Process						
10.2. Is your LI	HEAP program audited	annually under the Single Audit Act and	OMB Circular A - 133?			
		to the level of material weakness or repor rnment agency reviews of the LIHEAP ag				
No Findings]					
Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken		
1			,			
	Local Administering Age	encies ts do you have in place for local adminster	ring agancies/dictrict offices?			
Select all that a		is do you have in place for local administer	ring agencies/district offices:			
Local	agencies/district offices a	are required to have an annual audit in co	ompliance with Single Audit Act and OMI	B Circular A-133		
Local	agencies/district offices a	are required to have an annual audit (othe	er than A-133)			
Local	agencies/district offices'	A-133 or other independent audits are re	viewed by Grantee as part of compliance	process.		
Grant	ee conducts fiscal and pr	ogram monitoring of local agencies/distri	ct offices			
Compliance Mo	onitoring					
10.5. Describe t	he Grantee's strategies fo	or monitoring compliance with the Granto	ee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and pr	ocedures: Select all that apply		
Grantee employ	vees:					
✓ Interr	nal program review					
✓ Depar	tmental oversight					
✓ Secon						
Other	Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:					
Local Adminste	ering Agencies / District (Offices:				
	On - site evaluation					
	Annual program review					
Monitoring through central database						
	Desk reviews					

Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
Desk Reviews:
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues?
10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues?
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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						
V	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						
V	Other - Describe:						
Mailouts to previous 2 years applicants, flyer sent to all energy vendors, flyers available at interagency team emails and added to Kenaitze Indian Tribe facebook page. 11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation?							
	that client/participants in the program who do not pay direct heating cost be eligible to receive "energy" assistance (electric) in place of direct heating cost. Several operties in the area include the cost of Enstar (gas) in the rental cost of the unit, but do not include electric.						
Public	Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only						
11.3 Li	t 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	Date Event Description 08/12/2015 Public Hearing -						
11.4. H	08/12/2015 Public Hearing -						
11.4. H 11.5 Su We hel	08/12/2015 Public Hearing - ow many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 1 marize the comments you received at the hearing(s).						
11.4. H 11.5 Su We held	ow many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 1 mmarize the comments you received at the hearing(s). a Public Hearing for Energy Assistance. During this time two community members attended, and five Kenaitze Indian Tribe staff attended.						
11.4. H 11.5 Su We held This ha	ow many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 1 Inmarize the comments you received at the hearing(s). a Public Hearing for Energy Assistance. During this time two community members attended, and five Kenaitze Indian Tribe staff attended. been changed in our New Plan						

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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? n/a
- 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.

Un'ina (customer) comment policy: It is the policy of the Tribe that its Un'ina have certain rights and responsibilities, including the right to file a complaint or comment. It is the policy of the Tribe that Un'ina are entitled to be informed of their rights and responsibilities and to a timely and orderly resolution to their complaints. Such complaints may pertain to but not be limited to (a) eligibility (b) staff conduct, (c) quality of care, (d), access to services, and (e) confidentiality.

The Tribe will acknowledge the complaint within three business days, and in accordance with applicable Tribal, State, or Federal Law.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Kenaitze Indian Tribe website has application for Energy Assistance as well as Notice of action letter, and Fair Hearing rights posted.

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

Please see above Un'ina (customer) comment policy

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

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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?
Currently we do not provide any direct services to encourage or enable clients to reduce dependence on energy assistance.
We do provide referrals to Weatherization and where appropriate to alternate forms of heating on a case by case basis.
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?
To ensure no more than 5% of LIHEAP funds are used, the Liheap Coordinator does an internal budget, also we place 5 % of the Liheap grant amount into another line item with accounting called GENERAL OR CRISIS
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.
Unknown
13.4 Describe the level of direct benefits provided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.
Unknown
13.5 How many households applied for these services? 0
13.6 How many households received these services? 0
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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)
1.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program? Yes No
1.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.
l.3 For each type of resource and/or benefit to be leveraged in the upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii),describe the llowing:

Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?	
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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: With the creation of the Ada Human Services Division, and Na'ini Social Services the Social and Financial Services Manager (R.T.) and the Social Services Specialist Assistant (K.S.) are creating a LIHEAP Policy Manual for use in FY15.						
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 Information is shared at monthly interagency meetings, regular distribution of flyers, mail outs, brochures, applications, and notification of Kenaitze Indian Tribes Facebook Page						
c. Vendors						
Formal training conference						
How often?						
Annually						
Biannually						
As needed						
Other - Describe:						

~	Policies communicated through vendor agreements
/	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
	Other - Describe:
15.2 De Yes	
	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, h a document with said explanation here.

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Section 16: Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b) - Required for States Only

16.1 Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four required LIHEAP performance measures. Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)								
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms								
a. Describe all mechanisms available to	the p	public for reporting cases of suspecte	d wa	ste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that a	apply	·.		
Online Fraud Reporting								
Dedicated Fraud Reporting	Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline							
Report directly to local ager	ıcy/d	istrict office or Grantee office						
Report to State Inspector G	enera	al or Attorney General						
Forms and procedures in pl	ace f	or local agencies/district offices and v	endo	ors to report fraud, waste, and abuse				
Other - Describe:								
all clients follow the customer comment policy; Un'ina (customer) comment policy: It is the policy of the Tribe that its Un'ina have certain rights and responsibilities, including the right to file a complaint or comment. It is the policy of the Tribe that Un'ina are entitled to be informed of their rights and responsibilities and to a timely and orderly resolution to their complaints. Such complaints may pertain to but not be limited to (a) eligibility (b) staff conduct, (c) quality of care, (d), access to services, and (e) confidentiality. The Tribe will acknowledge the complaint within three business days, and in accordance with applicable Tribal, State, or Federal Law.								
b. Describe strategies in place for adver	rtisin	g the above-referenced resources. Sel	lect a	ll that apply				
Printed outreach materials		-						
Addressed on LIHEAP app	licati	on						
✓ Website								
Other - Describe:								
17.2. Identification Documentation Req	_[uire:	ments						
a. Indicate which of the following forms	s of ic	dentification are required or requesto	ed to	be collected from LIHEAP applicant	ts or	their household members.		
	Collected from Whom?							
Type of Identification Collected		Applicant Only	All Adults in Household			All Household Members		
		Required		Required		Required		
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	4	•	4	•		•		
and retained		Requested		Requested		Requested		
		1	>	1.	V	1		
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)		Required		Required		Required		
		Requested	>	Requested	>	Requested		
Government-issued identification card	>	Required	>	Required		Required		
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)		Requested		Requested	Ī	Requested		

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	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	
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b. De	b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.							
Verit	fication process to include the EIS to veri	ify SS numbers for app	olicants, if the applica	nt is not in the EIS ac	lditional information n	nay be requested.		
Cert	Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB/ Tribal Card or Letter from a federally recognized tribe) is required for at least one household member							
17.3	Identification Verification							
Desc	cribe what methods are used to verify t	the authenticity of ide	ntification documen	ts provided by clien	ts or household meml	bers. Select all that a	pply	
H	Verify SSNs with Social Security A	dministration						
H	Match SSNs with death records fro	om Social Security Ada	ministration or state	agency				
	Match SSNs with state eligibility/ca	se management syste	m (e.g., SNAP, TAN	F)				
L	Match with state Department of La	abor system						
H	Match with state and/or federal cor	rrections system						
L	Match with state child support syst	em						
<u> </u>	Verification using private software	(e.g., The Work Num	ber)					
~	In-person certification by staff (for	tribal grantees only)						
L	Match SSN/Tribal ID number with	tribal database or en	rollment records (fo	r tribal grantees onl	ly)			
~	Other - Describe:							
Clier	ats can submit a social security benefits le	etter or other document	with social security	number.				
	. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verifica							
Wha	at are your procedures for ensuring th	at household member	s are U.S. citizens or	aliens who are qua	lified to receive LIHE	EAP benefits? Select	all that apply.	
	Clients sign an attestation of citize	enship or legal residen	icy					
	Client's submission of Social Secur	rity cards is accepted	as proof of legal res	idency				
H	Noncitizens must provide docume	ntation of immigratio	n status					
H	Citizens must provide a copy of th		aturalization paper	s, or passport				
H	Noncitizens are verified through the	he SAVE system						
H	Tribal members are verified throu	ıgh Tribal enrollment	records/Tribal ID o	ard				
	Other - Describe:							
	. Income Verification							
Wha	at methods does your agency utilize to			pply.				
_	Require documentation of meome I	for all adult household	l members					
	I ay seass							
	Social Security award retering	s						
	Bank statements Tax statements							
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	Zero meome statements	44						
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EIS i	EIS income, fishing statements, letters of determinations, federal or state entities, computer print-out form the Division of Social Services, and self- employment worksheets.							
	Computer data matches:							

Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)						
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor						
Social Security income verified with SSA						
Utilize state directory of new hires						
Other - Describe:						
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality						
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.						
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent						
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards						
Employee training on confidentiality for:						
Grantee employees						
Local agencies/district offices						
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement						
Grantee employees						
Local agencies/district offices						
Physical files are stored in a secure location						
Other - Describe:						
All Client files are stored in locking file cabinet. Data base used to track certain information for reporting purposes are password protected and can only be viewed by the person responsible for reporting.						
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:						
Vendor agreements are updated annually, maintaining communication with vendors.						
The only unregulated vendors including purchased wood from other individuals. A W-9 and General Liability form is filled out by the individual and submitted to the accounting department prior to processing only if the grant exceeds \$500.00.						
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities						
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.						
Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency						
Applicants must submit current utility bill						
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:						
Account ownership						
Consumption						
V Balances						
Payment history						
Account is properly credited with benefit						
Other - Describe:						
Phone or email verification						
Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities						
Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level						

Separation of duties between intake and payment approval						
Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments						
Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy						
Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities						
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only						
Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure						
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism						
✓ Other - Describe:						
Client names are verified with the State of Alaska to avoid duplication of services for mixed households						
Budgets are received monthly from our accounting office and monitored regularly						
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 fue 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:						
Budgets are received monthly from our accounting office and monitored regularly. Clients that do self harvest are issued a check directly, based off the Heating Assistance Benefit Computation.						
Clients are encouraged to find a reputable wood vendor, as benefits are higher for wood vendors than self harvest.						
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? Next Fiscal 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:						
A letter is sent to the client to educate them on STOP fraud and abuse if false statements or incorrect information is reviewed during the application process.						
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
- (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)

150 N Willow, Suite 33 * Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Kenai * City	AK <u>*</u> State	99611-1112 * 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.

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☑ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

The submitter of this application certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Assurances

- (1) use the funds available under this title to--
- (A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);
- (B) intervene in energy crisis situations;
- (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective 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

PLAN ATTACHMENTS		
The following documents must be attached to this application		
• Delegation Letter is required if someone other than the Governor or Chairman Certified this Report.		
• Heating component benefit matrix, if applicable		
Cooling component benefit matrix, if applicable		
Minutes, notes, or transcripts of public hearing(s).		