DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grantee Name: Indian Township Tribal Government Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Report Period: 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024 **Report Status:** Submission Accepted by CO

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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		* 1.b. Frequency: • Annual		Plan/F	* 1.c. Consolidated Application/ Plan/Funding Request? Explanation:		* 1.d. Version: C Initial C Resubmission Revision Update	
				2. Date	Received:		State Use Only:	
					3. Applicant Identifier:		=	
				4a. Fed	eral Entity Id	entifier:	5. Date Received By State:	
				4b. Fed	eral Award Id	lentifier:	6. State Application Identifier:	
7. APPLICAN	T INFORMATION	•		"!			•	
* a. Legal Nai	me: INDIAN TOWNS	HIP TRIBAL GOVER	MENT					
* b. Employe 010346598	:/Taxpayer Identifica	tion Number (EIN/TIN	J):	* c. Or	ganizational D	OUNS: 083	187807	
* d. Address:				"				
* Street 1:	P.O. Box 30	1		Stre	et 2:	BOX 301		
* City:	PRINCETO	N		Cou	nty:			
* State:	ME			Pro	vince:			
* Country:	United States			* Zi Code:	p / Postal	04668 -		
e. Organizatio	onal Unit:			"	<u>'</u>	N		
Department Name: LIHEAP DEPTARTMENT				Division Name:				
f. Name and c	ontact information of	person to be contacted	l on matters in	volving t	his application	n:		
Prefix:	* First Name: Katrina		Middle Name	e: * Last Name: Elder				
Suffix:	Title: Liheap Director		Organization	nal Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number: 2077966108	Fax Number 2077965602		* Email: elder.katrina	a7@gmail.com				
	F APPLICANT: re American Tribal Gov	vernment (Federally Rec	cognized)					
b. Addition	al Description:							
* 9. Name of l	Federal Agency:							
			of Federal Domestic stance Number:		CFDA Title:			
10. CFDA Num	bers and Titles	93.568			Low-Income	Home Energy	y Assistance Program	
11. Descriptiv	e Title of Applicant's	Project						
12. Areas Affo	ected by Funding:							
13. CONGRE	SSIONAL DISTRICT	TS OF:						
* a. Applicant	1			b. Program/Project:				
Attach an add	litional list of Program	n/Project Congression	al Districts if n	eeded.				
14. FUNDING PERIOD:			15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:					

		"				
a. Start Date: 10/01/2023						
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?						
a. This submission was made a	vailable to the State under the Executi	ve Order 12372				
Process for Review on :						
b. Program is subject to E.O. 1	2372 but has not been selected by State	e for review.				
c. Program is not covered by E	.O. 12372.					
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? C YES NO						
Explanation:	Explanation:					
complete and accurate to the best accept an award. I am aware that	18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001) **I Agree **					
** The list of certifications and as specific instructions.	surances, or an internet site where you	may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or	agency			
	Title of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code, number and exte	nsion)			
Katrina Elder, Liheap Director		18d. Email Address elder.katrina7@gmail.com				
18b. Signature of Authorized Cer	tifying Official	18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 09/19/2023				

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Section 1 - Program Components

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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 20201

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THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in years in which the grantee is not permitted to file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number

Section 1 Program Components 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.) Start Date **End Date** Heating assistance 11/01/2023 04/30/2024 Cooling assistance 11/01/2023 04/30/2024 Crisis assistance 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 Percentage (%) must add up to 100% Heating assistance 75.00% 0.00% Cooling assistance Crisis assistance 15.00% 0.00% Weatherization assistance 0.00% Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 10.00% Administrative and planning costs Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) 0.00% 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:

V	Heating assistance			Cooling assistance		
	Weatherization assistance		Other (specify:) CRISIS			
$Categorical\ Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A)\ -\ Assurance\ 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A)\ -\ Assurance\ 8$						
1.4 Do you consider h column below? • Ye	ouseholds categorically eligibles ONO	le if one household men	nber receives one of the	e following categories	of benefits in the left	
If you answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete the table below and answer questions 1.5 and 1.6.						
	,,,	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization	
TANF		⊙ Yes O No	C Yes C No	⊙ _{Yes} ○ _{No}	C Yes ⊙ No	
SSI		⊙ Yes ○ No	C Yes C No	⊙Yes ○No	C Yes O No	
SNAP		C Yes O No	C Yes C No	C Yes O No	C Yes O No	
Means-tested Veterans	Programs	O Yes O No	O Yes O No	C Yes O No	C Yes O No	
	Program Name	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization	
Other(Specify) 1	11 vgrum 1 vanio	C Yes O No		C Yes ⊙ No	C Yes O No	
1.5 Do non outomotio	ally enroll households without					
If Yes, explain:	any enron nousenoids without	a direct annual applic	ation? Yes Wino			
11 105, схріані;						
1.6 How do you ensur	e there is no difference in the	treatment of categorica	ally eligible households	from those not receiv	ing other public assistance	
when determining eli	gibility and benefit amounts? pply for Liheap funds - either in					
of eligibility. They wil	l also be treated alike in providi	ng an opportunity for a f	air administrative hearin			
qualifications status, ir	writing within 24 hours of the	receipt of their complete	d application.			
SNAP Nominal Paym	ionto					
		I AR CNAD		Play		
	LIHEAP funds toward a nomi					
	" to question 1.7a, you must p	provide a response to qu	uestions 1./b, 1./c, and	1./d.		
	inal Assistance: \$0.00					
1.7c Frequency of Ass Once Per Year	sistance					
Once Per Year						
Once every five	years					
Other - Describ	pe:					
1.7d How do you con	firm that the household receiv	ing a nominal payment	has an energy cost or i	need?		
Determination of Elig	gibility - Countable Income					
1.8. In determining a	household's income eligibility	for LIHEAP, do you u	se gross income or net	income?		
✓ Gross Income			-			
Net Income						
- At Income						
	licable forms of countable inco	ome used to determine	a household's income e	ligibility for LIHEAP		
Wages						
Self - Employment Income						
Contract Incon	ne					
Payments from	mortgage or Sales Contracts					
✓ Unemployment	insurance					
Strike Pay						
Social Security	Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits					

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	Including MediCare ✓ Excluding MediCare deduction
	deduction
V	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
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H	D. 45
A	Retirement / pension benefits
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~	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
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	C. J 10-
	Cash gifts
	Savings account balance
	One-time lump-sum payments, such as rebates/credits, winnings from lotteries, refund deposits, etc.
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	Jury duty compensation
~	Rental income
	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
\mathcal{A}	Income from work study programs
Ш	
	Alimony
>	Child support
_	
	Interest, dividends, or royalties
	interest, dividends, of Toyandes
1	Commissions
	Legal settlements
	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
	and the control in the control of the insured
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A	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
	Dalama (Carifornia)
	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 Medical bills are used to determine qualification of over income applicants.
	any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2						
2.1 Designate the	income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	omponent:				
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold				
1	1		State Median Income		60.00%		
2.2 Do you have a HEATING ASSI	additional eligibility requirements for TANCE?	O Yes	ⓒ No				
	2.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.						
Do you require a	n Assets test?	C Yes	⊙ No				
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		C Yes	⊙ No				
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing?	C Yes	⊙ No				
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent?	O Yes	⊙ _{No}				
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:	-					
Elderly?		⊙ Yes	C _{No}				
Disabled?	Disabled?						
Young chil	dren?	• Yes	C _{No}				
Households	s with high energy burdens?	• Yes	C _{No}				
Other? Me	edical Expenses	• Yes	C _{No}				
household Pri	Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above: The household is income eligible for on of the following time periods. 31 days - 91 days - or 12 months will be used if it is to the households advantage, other that that proof of income from the previous 31 days - 91 days is required. Priority is first given to the elderly age 55 or older, disabled individuals, households with young children, or if the household has any outstanding medical expenses.						
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B) 2.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of heating assistance tovulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early application periods, etc. 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, talking into account family size, except that the tribe may not differentiate in implenting							
	this section between the households described in clauses 2(a) 2(b) of this subsection.						
2.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit levels. (Check all that apply):							
✓ Income							
Family (hou	usehold) size						
✓ Home energy cost or need:							
✓ Fuel type							
Clin	nate/region						
Indi	vidual bill						
Dwelling type							

Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)						
Energy need	Energy need					
Other - Describe:						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605	Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fig	scal year for which this plan	applies				
Minimum Benefit	\$250	Maximum Benefit	\$1,300			
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, spa	ce heaters) and/or other form	ns of benefits? O Yes O No				
If yes, describe.						
If any of the above questions re	-		uld not be made	e in		

Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance						
Eligibility, 2605(d	Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2					
3.1 Designate The	e income eligibility threshold used for th	e Cooling c	component:			
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	ld	
1					0.00%	
3.2 Do you have a COOLING ASSI	additional eligibility requirements for ISTANCE?	O Yes	C _{No}			
3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each.						
Do you require a	n Assets test?	C Yes	O No			
Do you have addi	itional/differing eligibility policies for:	-				
Renters?		C Yes				
Renters Liv	ving in subsidized housing?	C Yes	O _{No}			
Renters wit	th utilities included in the rent?	C Yes	O _{No}			
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:	4				
Elderly?		C Yes	O _{No}			
Disabled?		C Yes	O _{No}			
Young chile	dren?	C Yes	O _{No}			
Households	s with high energy burdens?	C Yes	O _{No}			
Other?		C Yes	O No			
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:					
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling a	ssistance to	ovulnerable populations, e.g., benefit a	mounts, early application perio	ods, etc.	
Determination of	Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605	(c)(1)(B)				
3.5 Check the var	riables you use to determine your benefi	t levels. (Cl	heck all that apply):			
Income						
Family (hou	usehold) size					
Home energ	gy cost or need:					
Fuel	type					
Clim	nate/region					
Indiv	Individual bill					
Dwel	Dwelling type					
Ener	Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)					
Ener	Energy need					
Othe	er - Describe:					
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						

Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0			
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? C Yes C No						
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.						

Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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	Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE				
Eligibility - 2604	(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)				
4.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the crisis comp	onent			
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60.00%		
4.2 Provide your	LIHEAP program's definition for determining a cri	sis.			
emergency benefit. An services, e	Beginning November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 up to 700\$ for emergency home heating fuel deliveries, utility emergencies, or emergency heating system repairs. The crisis emergency benefits is an additional benefit to any application who qualifies for a fuel assistance benefit. An applicant may apply for only ECIP. The applicant doesnt necessarily have to have used all of their fuel assistance benefit (such as ecip services, electrical shut off, furnace repairs, and any other crisis not related to fuel assistance) to qualify for liheap.				
4.3 What constitu	utes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>				
electrical s exhausted will be giv	Household must be in an ermgency crisis situation (supply shortage, weather related, life threatening) for ECIP. A shut off notice for electrical service to the household or near an empty fuel tank, after all the fuel assistance benefit has been consumed completely and has exhausted its ability to pay for a cash/credit delivery will constitute a crisis. Households with children 5 and under and elderly persons 55 or older will be given a higher priority in emergency crisis or emergencies that pose a threat to the health or safety of one or more members of the household.				
Crisis Requireme	ent, 2604(c)				
4.4 Within how n	many hours do you provide an intervention that will	resolve the energy crisis for eligible household	ds? 0-24Hours		
4.5 Within how n situations? 0-241	many hours do you provide an intervention that will a Hours	resolve the energy crisis for eligible household	ds in life-threatening		
Crisis Eligibility,					
4.6 Do you have a ASSISTANCE?	additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS	€ Yes C No			
4.7 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the policies for e	each			
Do you require a	n Assets test?	C Yes O No			
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:				
Elderly?		⊙ Yes C No			
Disabled?		⊙ Yes ○ No			
Young Chi	ldren?	€ Yes C No			
Households	s with high energy burdens?	⊙ Yes O No			
Other?		C Yes O No			
In Order to recei	ive crisis assistance:				
Must the he empty tank?	ousehold have received a shut-off notice or have a ne	ear © Yes C No			
Must the h	ousehold have been shut off or have an empty tank?	⊙ Yes O No			
Must the h	ousehold have exhausted their regular heating benef	it? O Yes O No			
Must rente received an evicti	ers with heating costs included in their rent have ion notice?	C Yes € No			
Must heati	ng/cooling be medically necessary?	⊙ Yes C No			
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?					

Other?			○Yes ONo				
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies	for:	·					
Renters?			○Yes •No				
Renters living in subsidized housing?			C Yes ⊙ No				
Renters with utilities included in the rent?			○Yes ⊙No				
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked ab	ove:						
electrical service to the household or near an e exhausted its ability to pay for a cash/credit d	empty fuel ta elivery will o	nk, after all t constitute a c	elated, supply shortage, and life threatening) for ECIP. A shut off notice for ne fuel assistance benefit has been consumed completely and has risis. Households with children two and under and elderly persons 55 and that pose a threat to the health and safety of one or more member of the				
Determination of Benefits							
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?							
<u> </u>	arate compo	nent					
	Track						
	er - Describ						
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you							
Ame	ount to reso	lve the crisis	•				
Oth	er - Describ	e:					
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Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)							
	ssistance at	sites that are	geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?				
⊙ Yes ○ No Explain.							
Provide intake service throuh home vis	sits, appoinm	ents, telepho	ne, place posters or flyers.				
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically	y disabled th	ne means to:					
Submit applications for crisis benefits without le	eaving their	homes?					
⊙ Yes ○ No If No, explain.							
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisi	s assistance	are accepte	1?				
⊙ Yes ○ No If No, explain.							
If you answered "No" to both options in question 4 disabled?	4.11, please	explain altei	native means of intake to those who are homebound or physically				
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type o		tance offere	1.				
Winter Crisis \$700.00 maximum benef	it						
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit							
Year-round Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit							
	4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other forms of benefits?						
Yes No If yes, Describe							
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using orisis funds?							
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds? • Yes O No							
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15.							
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15. 4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.							
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis				
Heating system repair	✓						
Heating system replacement							
Cooling system repair							

Cooling system replacement						
Wood stove purchase						
Pellet stove purchase						
Solar panel(s)						
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups						
Other (Specify):						
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with e	nforce a mo	ratorium on	shut offs?			
C Yes © No						
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to	question 4.1	7.			
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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MODEL PLAN

SF - 424 - MANDATORY

Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2 5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component Household Size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold 0.00% 5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component? C Yes 5.3 If yes, name the agency. 5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization? O Yes WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.) Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply): Income Threshold Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible units or will become eligible within 180 days Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities). Other - Describe: Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.) Income Threshold Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit. Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ration (SIR) standards. Other - Describe: Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5 5.6 Do you require an assets test? O Yes O No 5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for : Renters O Yes O No Renters living in subsidized O Yes O No housing? 5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to: Elderly? O Yes O No Disabled? O Yes O No O Yes O No Young Children? House holds with high energy O Yes O No burdens? Other? O Yes O No

If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below.				
Benefit Levels				
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditu	re per household? C Yes C No			
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0				
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)				
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide ? (Check a	all categories that apply.)			
Weatherization needs assessments/audits	Energy related roof repair			
Caulking and insulation	Major appliance repairs			
Storm windows	Major appliance replacement			
Furnace/heating system modifications/repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors			
Furnace replacement	Doors			
Cooling system modifications/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): Social Media -- House to house flyer delivery.

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Section 7 - Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

7.1 Describe 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:			

Coordinate activites under this title with similiar and related programs administed by the federal government and such state, particularly low income energy related programs under subtitle B of the title VI (relating to community serviced block grant program), under the supplemental security 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 are administred under the economic opportunity act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this act.

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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 Ho	w would you categorize the primary respons	ibility of your State	e agency?		
	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy/Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
	Welfare Agency				
	Other - Describe:				
Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15 If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable. 8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?					
8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?					
8.4 Ho	w do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for CRISIS AS	SISTANCE?		
8.5 LII	HEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
8.5a W	ho determines client eligibility?				
	8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and electric vendors?				
II.	8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?				
	8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				
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?					

8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use?				
8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? O Yes No				
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				
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Section 9 - Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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SF - 424 - MANDATORY Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7 9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers? **⊙** Yes **○** No Heating O Yes O No Cooling Yes ○ No Crisis Are there exceptions? Yes No If ves, Describe. A renter with fuel included in rent is an exception for heating. Payments are paid directly to the institution in which renters fuel is included such has, The Indian Township Housing Authority for the disabled apartment complex. 9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? The tribe agrees to notify each certified household of the amount of assistance paid in behalf of them to participating fuel vendors making deliveries to the recipients home. The home energy supplier will provide assurance that any agreement entered into will contain certain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance. (Heating and ECIP) 9.3 How do you assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment? We cannot assure nor have a policy/agreement in writing with each vendor about charging the amount of payment and difference of the actual cost. This is something we will look upon drafting and proposing with each vendor. We now pay the energy supplier on invoice for the amount delivered to the household. This ensures that the household recieves the maximun benefit in a timely manner. 9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance? The home energy supplier recovering payments from the tribe, agree not to discriminate whether in costs or goods or the services provided to recipients. The vendor shall not treat liheap households in any adverse manner, such as, delivery times, amount of fuel delivered at one time. The supplier will not require additional household deposit from liheap customers. Fuel delivery receipts will be the invoice needed for payment to the fuel vendor. Some payments may be made directly to certified applicants such as renters and elderly subsidized housing. Liheap and staff reviews home energy supplies vouchers and whenever possible, homeowner will sign voucher upon delivery. 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households? C Yes 💿 No If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)			
10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds?			
The tribe assures that proper fund accounting procedures will be used for reporting revenues and expenditures. A compliance officer provide fiscal and programmatic control on a bi-monthly basis. Any inadequate fiscal or programmatic control discovered will be investigate along with the report of the investigation results. An adult will be provided under an attachment; organization-wide annual (yearly) audit. The tribal governor will submit this audit to the tribal council and other interested parties within 30 days of its completion.	ed		
Audit Process			
10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133? Yes No			
10.3. Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitor assessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency from the most recently audited fiscal years.			
No Findings 🗹			
Finding Type Brief Summary Resolved? Action Taken			
1			
10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies			
What types of annual audit requirements do you have in place for local administering agencies/district offices? Select all that apply.			
Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133	3		
Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133)			
Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grantee as part of compliance process.			
Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices			
Compliance Monitoring			
10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: Select all that apply			
Grantee employees:			
☑ Internal program review			
☑ Departmental oversight			
Secondary review of invoices and payments			
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:			
Local Administering 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			
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment			
Comments from applicants are recorded			
Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised			
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)			
Comments are solicited during outreach activities			
Other - Describe:			
Due to COVID-19 our office building allows no outside visitors into the building at this time. We are limiting the traffic that goes in and out of offices. We still have a copy of our plan available in our office and are open to appoinments and will accept questions either over the phone in writing if someone may have them. At this time we have had very minimal to no public comment's due to the clone of the plan from the previous year.			
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? NONE			
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only			
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?			
Date Event Description			
1			
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?			
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).			
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?			
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Section 12: Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

- 12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year? 0
- 12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed? $\,0\,$
- 12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings?

None

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

The tribe agrees to provide a fair hearing, within seven days, upon written request by the individual who has been denied or feels that a claim has not been acted on in a timely manner. The tribe agrees to furnish dissatisfied applicants with an impartial hearing before a hearing office of the tribal government or the special services unit of the department of human services- state of maine. The final results of such hearing will be mailed to the applicant within 10 days of the hearing. The right to request a fair hearing extends to households applying for liheap, or ECIP. The applicant is informed of his/her rights to a fair hearting at the time of the application.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

When an approval/denial letter is mailed to each applicant, our letter states that if they are dissatisfied with the decision that has been made on the application, the first step is to contact our director to be sure all the information provided was correct to determine the eligibility. If there has been an error in determining the applications eligibility the applicant has the right to appeal. A request is required in writing within 30 days of the approval/denial letter. A fair hearing will be scheduled and the applicant will be notified by mail of the date and time.

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

The tribe agrees to provide a fair hearing, within seven days, upon written request by the individual who has been denied or feel that a claim has not been acted on in a timely manner. The tribe agrees to furnish dissatisfied applicants with an impartial hearing before a hearing officer of the tribal government or the special services unit of the department of human services - state of maine. The final results of such hearing will be mailed to the applicant within 10 days of the hearing. The right to request a fair hearing extends to households applying for HEAP, or ECIP. The applicant is informed of his/her rights to a fair hearing at the time of the application.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of their rights to a fair hearing once they recieve the approval/denial letter. It states how they can act upon receiving a hearing date and time with whom they can speak with and the reason why they were denied. They also recieve a copy of our fair hearing procedures and steps with each application.

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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?
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.
13.4 Describe the level ofdirect benefitsprovided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.
13.5 How many households applied for these services?
13.6 How many households received these services?
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Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)

14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?	
C Yes O No	

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

14.3 For each type of resource and/or benefit to be leveraged in the upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii), describe the following:

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

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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					
Bi-annually					
As needed					
Other - Describe: If provided or needed					
Employees are provided with policy manual					
Other-Describe: Training is typically provided by the Tribal Government, if applicable.					
b. Local Agencies:					
Formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
Bi-annually					
As needed					
Other - Describe:					
On-site training					
How often?					
Annually					
Bi-annually					
As needed					
Other - Describe:					
Employees are provided with policy manual					
Other - Describe					
c. Vendors					
Formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
Bi-annually					
As needed					
Other - Describe:					
Policies communicated through vendor agreements					
Policies are outlined in a vendor manual					

Other - Describe:

Policies are outlined in liheap plan on how we control payment to various vendors.

15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?

O Yes O No

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Section 16 - Performance Goals and Measures, 2605(b)

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

16.1 Describe your progress toward meeting the data collection and reporting requirements of the four required LIHEAP (Benefit Targeting Index, Burden Reduction Targeting Index, Restoration of Home Energy Service, and Prevention of Loss of Home Energy Service). 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	s				
a. Describe all mechanisms availab	ble to the public for reporting cases of	f suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. S	elect all that apply.		
Online Fraud Reportin	ng				
Dedicated Fraud Report	rting Hotline				
Report directly to local	l agency/district office or Grantee offi	ce			
Report to State Inspect	tor General or Attorney General				
Forms and procedures	in place for local agencies/district off	ices and vendors to report fraud, was	te, and abuse		
Other - Describe:					
The Indian Township Tribal Government Liheap Program does not have any resources available to the public for reporting fraud,waste, and abuse. If the Liheap Dept at Indian Township Tribal Government suspects fraud, we call our social service agency/department of health and human services and they will send an investigator to determine the eligibility of the applicant.					
b. Describe strategies in place for a	advertising the above-referenced reso	ources. Select all that apply			
Printed outreach mater	rials				
Addressed on LIHEAP	application				
Website					
Other - Describe:					
N/A					
17.2. Identification Documentation	n Requirements				
	forms of identification are required o	r requested to be collected from LIHI	EAP applicants or their household		
The of Harden Call and		Collected from Whom?			
Type of Identification Collected	Applicant Only	All Adults in Household	All Household Members		
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	Required	Required	Required		
	Requested	Requested	Requested		
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	Required	Required	Required		
	Requested	Requested	Requested		
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID,	Required	Required	Required		
Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	Requested	Requested	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		
1									
b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.									
17.3 Identification Verification									
Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply									
Verify SSNs with Social Security Administration									
	Match SSNs with death records from Social Security Administration or state agency								
	Match SSNs with state eligibility/case management system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)								
	Match with state Department of Labor system								
	Match with state and/or federal corrections system								
	Match with state child support system								
	Verification using private software (e.g., The Work Number)								
	In-person certification by staff	(for tribal grantees	s only)						
V	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal databas	e or enrollment ro	ecords (for tribal g	grantees only)				
V	Other - Describe:								
	At Indian Township Reservation; the social security number and census identification number is required for eligibility. All tribal members identification numbers and social security numbers are on file with the tribal census clerk.								
17.4	l. Citizenship/Legal Residency Ver	ification							
What are your procedures for ensuring that household members are U.S. citizens or aliens who are qualified to receive LIHEAP benefits? Select all that apply.									
Щ	Clients sign an attestation of o	citizenship or legal	residency						
Щ	Client's submission of Social S	Security cards is ac	cepted as proof of	legal residency					
L	Noncitizens must provide doc	umentation of imm	igration status						
L	Citizens must provide a copy	of their birth certif	icate, naturalizati	on papers, or pass	sport				
L	Noncitizens are verified throu	igh the SAVE syste	m						
~	Tribal members are verified t	hrough Tribal enro	ollment records/T	ribal ID card					
	Other - Describe:								
	5. Income Verification								
Wh	at methods does your agency utiliz	•		all that apply.					
_	Z	me for all adult ho	usehold members						
\vdash	4								
\vdash	Social Security award to	etters							
⊢	Dank statements								
_	Tax statements								
⊢	Zero meome surements								
\vdash	Unemployment Insuran	ce letters							
Ļ	Other - Describe:								
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	f 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:
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:
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
Balances
Payment history
Account is properly credited with benefit
Other - Describe:
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:
17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors

What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, and other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.					
Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list					
Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors					
Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery					
Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor					
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only					
Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client					
Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors					
Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee					
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism					
Other - Describe:					
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions					
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.					
Refer to state Inspector General					
Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General					
Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)					
Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public					
Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process					
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?					
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:					
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Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.BrBbr.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or

voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters--Primary Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later

determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility an Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- **☑** By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central pint is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes:

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:,

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace:
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification

number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f)Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

8 Kennebasis Road * Address Line 1						
Address Line 2						
Address Line 3						
Princeton * City	ME <u>* State</u>	04668 * Zip Code				

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

- (a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;
- (b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]

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

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

Assurances

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(1) use the funds available under this title to--

- (A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5);
 - (B) intervene in energy crisis situations;
- (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and
- (D)plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title;
- (2) make payments under this title only with respect to--
 - (A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--
 - (i)assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;
 - (ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;
 - (iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or
 - (iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or
 - (B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -
 - (i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or
 - (ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;

(except that a State may not exclude a household from eligibility in a fiscal year solely on the basis of household income if such income is less than 110 percent of the poverty level for such State, but the State may give priority to those households with the highest home energy costs or needs in relation to household income.

- (3) conduct outreach activities designed to assure that eligible households, especially households with elderly individuals or disabled individuals, or both, and households with high home energy burdens, are made aware of the assistance available under this title, and any similar energy-related assistance available under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program) or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;
- (4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income

energy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under title XX of the Social Security Act, under the low-income weatherization assistance program under title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;

- (5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;
- (6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -
 - (A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and
 - (B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;
- (7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --
 - (A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;
 - (B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;
 - (C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and
 - (D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local grantees and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs;

(8) provide assurances that,

- (A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and
- (B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;

(9) provide that--

- (A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a fiscal year; and
- (B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));
- (10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comply with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "Single Audit Act");
- (11) permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 2608:
- (12) provide for timely and meaningful public participation in the development of the plan described in subsection (c);
- (13) provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan described in subsection (c) are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and
- (14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting under section 2610.
- (15) * beginning in fiscal year 1992, provide, in addition to such services as may be offered by State Departments of Public Welfare at the local level, outreach and intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-based organizations (such as community action agencies, area agencies on aging and not-for-profit neighborhood-based organizations), and in States where such organizations do not administer functions as of September 30, 1991, preference in awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those agencies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.
- * This assurance is applicable only to States, and to territories whose annual regular LIHEAP allotments exceed \$200,000. Neither territories with annual allotments of \$200,000 or less nor Indian tribes/tribal organizations are subject to Assurance 15.
- (16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and

thereby the need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and assistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impact of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefits provided to those households, and the number of households that remain unserved.

Plan Attachments

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