DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grantee Name: MACHIS LOWER CREEK Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Report Period: 10/01/2021 to 09/30/2022 Report Status: Submission Accepted by CO

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* a. Applicant 02						02	ram/Project:				
Attach an add	litional	list of Program	/Projec	t Congressiona	al Districts if n	eeded.					
14. FUNDING	4. FUNDING PERIOD: 15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:										

a. Start Date: b. End Date: * a. Federal (\$): b. Match (\$): 10/01/2021 09/30/2022 \$0 \$0									
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?									
a. This submission was made ava	ailable to the State under the Executiv	ve Order 12372							
Process for Review on :									
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12.	372 but has not been selected by State	e for review.							
c. Program is not covered by E.C	0. 12372.								
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? O YES O NO									
Explanation:									
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 assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.									
	itle of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area co	de, number and extension)						
Nancy Carnley		18d. Email Address machis@centurytel.net							
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 08/29/2021									
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.									

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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROG MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY	GRAM(LIHEAF	?)					
Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20201							
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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. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)	Dates of	Operation					
	Start Date	End Date					
Heating assistance	10/01/2021	03/15/2022					
	10/01/2021	03/13/2022					
Cooling assistance	06/01/2022	09/30/2022					
Crisis assistance	10/01/2021	09/30/2022					
Weatherization assistance	10/01/2021	09/30/2022					
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 must add up to 100%.	e total of all percentages	Percentage (%)					
Heating assistance		20.00%					
Cooling assistance		30.00%					
Crisis assistance							
Weatherization assistance							
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 0.00							
Administrative and planning costs 5.00							
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) 0.							
Used to develop and implement leveraging activities		0.00%					
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 re	eprogrammed to:						
Heating assistance	Cooling assistance						

	Weatherization assistance			[Other (specify:)	
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	ility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2					e . 11 .		61	
mn below? • Yes	r households categorically eligible	11 Of	ie nousenoid mem	ber	receives one of the	10110	owing categories of	of dei	nerits in the left colu
If you answered "	Yes" to question 1.4, you must com	plet	e the table below a	and a	answer questions 1	l.5 ai	nd 1.6.		
			Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
TANF			Yes O _{No}		Yes O _{No}		Yes ONo		Yes O _{No}
SSI		\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes 🔿 No	\odot	Yes ONo
SNAP		\odot	Yes 🔘 No	\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes ONo
Means-tested Vetera	ns Programs	\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes ONo	\odot	Yes ONo
	Program Name		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other(Specify) 1			🔿 Yes O No		O Yes 💿 No		O Yes 💿 No		🔿 Yes 💿 No
1.5 Do you automa	tically enroll households without a	ı dire	ect annual applica	tion	Yes 🖸 No				
If Yes, explain:									
when determining Each client complet d stamps, SSI, or ce	sure there is no difference in the the eligibility and benefit amounts? es an application, provides the docum rtain Veterans Means-tested program appare Veterans tested program critil	ment	ation required to pr ey are automaticall	ovid y app	e proof of income, proved. The clients	if the (hou	e client (household sehold that does no	is ap	proved for TANF, foo
ps, 551, or certain n	neans Veterans tested programs will	oe pi	ovided the same se	ervice	es once their applic	auon	is completed		
SNAP Nominal Pa	yments								
	te LIHEAP funds toward a nomination	al pa	yment for SNAP l	hous	eholds? 🔿 Yes 🤇	No			
	Yes'' to question 1.7a, you must pr								
1.7b Amount of No	ominal Assistance: \$0.00								
1.7c Frequency of	Assistance								
	Once Per Year								
	Once every five years								
Other - Describe:									
1.7d How do you confirm that the household receiving a nominal payment has an energy cost or need?									
1.74 110% 40 you c	ominin that the nousehold receiving	5	ionniai payment	iius t	in energy cost of 1	iccu.			
Determination of I	Eligibility - Countable Income								
1.8. In determining	g a household's income eligibility f	or Ll	IHEAP, do you us	e gro	oss income or net i	ncon	ne ?		
Gross Incom	e								
Net Income	Net Income								
1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP									
Wages									
Self - Employment Income									
Contract Income									
Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts									
Unemploym	Unemployment insurance								
Strike Pay									
	ity Administration (SSA) benefits								
Includ tion	ing MediCare deduc 🔽 Exclu	ıdinş	g MediCare deduc	tion					
Supplementa	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)								

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 	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

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Section 2 - Heating Assistance

Eligibility, 2605	(b)(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate th	e income eligibility threshold used for the	heating c	omponent:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Thresho					
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines 150.						
2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for H EATING ASSITANCE?			• No					
2.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the p			each.					
Do you require an Assets test ?			• No					
Do you have ad	ditional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		C Yes O No						
Renters Living in subsidized housing ?			⊙ No					
Renters with utilities included in the rent ?			C Yes 💿 No					
Do you give prie	ority in eligibility to:							
Elderly?			O _{No}					
Disabled?			⊙ _{Yes} O _{No}					
Young children?			⊙ _{Yes} O _{No}					
Househole	ds with high energy burdens ?	⊙ Yes O _{No}						
Other? V	eterans	• Yes	C No					

Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:

The application process is given priority to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five are given first priority of completing the application. Then, everyone else may apply. Home visits are made if needed. The applications are mailed to all eligible household s.

The renters that are living in subsided housing, must provide proof that the applicant is responsible for energy bill. This can be from the H ousing Office or Energy provider. The minimum amount that will be paid will be \$300.00 with the maxium amount being \$600.00.

The landlord is contacted for an energy bill with the applicant's address and energy provider contact information. After vertification with the energy provider, the applicant is notified of the amount of payment and a copy of the paid receipt will be provided to the landlord and client.

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.

The minimium amount will be \$300.00, with the maxium amount being to resolve the crisis. not to exceed \$600.00. The aplication proces s is given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under the age of five first.

	2.5	Check the	variables you	use to determine	your benefit levels	. (Check all that apply):
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Income
Family (household) size
Home energy cost or need:
Fuel type
Climate/region
✓ Individual bill

Dwelling type								
Energy burden (% of inc	Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)							
Energy need	Energy need							
Other - Describe:								
Elderly, disabled, veterans, families with children under the age of five. Also, indviduals with chronic health issues such as asthma, Chron ic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes. cardiac issues, hypertension, renal insuficiency or failure, arthritis.								
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)								
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies								
Minimum Benefit\$300Maximum Benefit\$600								
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits? • Yes								
If yes, describe.								
Blankets, electrical space heaters, socks, gloves, beanies, and coats.								
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.								

		Sectio	on 3 - (Cooling Assistance	
Eligi	ibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2			
-	-	e income eligibility threshold used for the	e Cooling	component:	
	Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1		All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.009
	Do you have LING ASSIT	additional eligibility requirements for C FANCE?	C Yes	€ No	-
3.3 (Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.	
Do y	ou require a	nn Assets test ?	C Yes	• No	
Do y	ou have add	litional/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 ?	C _{Yes}	⊙ No	
Do y	ou give prio	rity in eligibility to:			
	Elderly?		• Yes	O No	
	Disabled?		• Yes	ONO	
	Young chi	ldren?	• Yes	ONo	
	Household	s with high energy burdens ?	• Yes		
	Other? Ve	eterans	• Yes	ONo	
Expl	anations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:			
	pplicatio T Housing T Housing	 n. The applications are mailed to these hour he renters that are living in subsided housin Office or Energy provider. The renters that are living in subsided housin Office or Energy provider. The minimum ar Fhe landlord is contacted for an energy bill y 	seholds, ar g, must pro g, must pro nount that with the ap	the age of five is given first priority and avail d if needed home visits are made. ovide proof that the applicant is responsible for ovide proof that the applicant is responsible for will be paid will be \$300.00 with the maxium plicant's address and energy provider contact of payment and a copy of the paid receipt wil	or energy bill. This can be from the or energy bill. This can be from the amount being \$600.00. information. After vertiffication w
3.4 I	Th hildren are	e minimal amount to be paid will be paid w	ill be \$300 o complete	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amount 0.00 with the maximum amount \$600.00. The the application. The applications are mailed	elderly, disabled and families with
Dete	rmination o	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)		
	Check the va	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (C	heck all that apply):	
>	Income				
1	Family (ho	usehold) size			
~	Home ener	gy cost or need:			

Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE

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Kenters Erving in Substanzed Housing .	Nor res Nor No
Renters with utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes O No
Do you give priority in eligibility to:	
Elderly?	⊙ Yes O No
Disabled?	⊙ _{Yes} C _{No}
Young children?	⊙ _{Yes} C _{No}
Households with high energy burdens ?	⊙ Yes CNo

Fuel type				
Climate/region				
Individual bill				
Dwelling type				
Energy burden (% of inc	ome spent on home energy)			
Energy need				
Other - Describe:				
Medical conditions such rs.	as respiratory , cardiac, arthritis, canc	ver, autoimmune diorders, kidney faiure,	dialysis, and net	uromuscular disorde
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance	e 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)			
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels f	or the fiscal year for which this pla	n applies		
Minimum Benefit	\$300	Maximum Benefit		\$600
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans,	air conditioners) and/or other form	ns of benefits? 💽 Yes 🔘 No		
If yes, describe.				
fans, air conditioners				

Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE

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

4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component				
Add	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.				

Emergency crisis is a relief following a natural or man-made disaster that is considered life threating. 1. Loss of income from the death of the wage earner, layoff, termination and/or theft with documentation fr om the local law enforcement agency.

2. Natural disaster such as fire, tornadoes, direct winds, hurricane, flood, snow, ice storms or other incre ment weather or disasters declared by the National Weather Service or the Governor of Alabama.

3. The heating or cooling system is not working and the temperatures are above 80 degrees Fahrenheit or r below 30 degrees Fahrenheit for 3 consecutive days.

4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?

Life threatening emergencies such as being on life support (home ventilator) home oxygen, pa p C/Bi-pap machine for sleep apnea, nebulizer machine where asthma is not controlled with hand h eld inhalers. Also, medication such as insulin or other lifesaving medication that requires refrigerat ion. A person that is on external tube feedings or intravenous feedings or fluids. This must be verif ied by the attending Physician, Physician Assistant or Nurse Practioner.

Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

Clisis Requirement, 2004(C)	
4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention the	hat will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours
4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention th s? 18Hours	hat will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situation
Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)	
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISI ANCE?	IS ASSIST O Yes O No
4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the polic	ies for each
Do you require an Assets test ?	• Yes O No
Do you give priority in eligibility to :	а.
Elderly?	• Yes ONo
Disabled?	• Yes O No
Young Children?	• Yes ONo
Households with high energy burdens?	• Yes O No
Other? Veterans	• Yes O No
In Order to receive crisis assistance:	
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or h	ave a near Ses O _{No}

empty tank?		1
	e been shut off or have an empty tank?	© Yes ○ No
ed an eviction notice ?	g costs included in their rent have receiv	• Yes O No
Must heating/cooling be	medically necessary?	• Yes O No
Must the household have ent?	e non-working heating or cooling equipm	C Yes O No
Other?		CYes ⊙No
Do you have additional / differ	ing eligibility policies for:	
Renters?		C Yes O No
Renters living in subsidi	zed housing?	O Yes O No
Renters with utilities inc	luded in the rent?	O Yes O No
Explanations of policies for ea	ch "ves" checked above:	
VARIABLE	SCHEDULE	POINTS
Base Points	8	5
	Under \$10,000.00	5
	\$10,001.00 - \$15,000	4
	\$15,501.00-\$20,000.00	3
	\$20,001.00 - \$25,000.00	2
	\$25,001.00 - \$30,000.00	1
	over \$30,001.00	0
Household size	8 or more people	5
	6 or 7 people	4
	4 or 5 people	3
	2 or 3 people	1
	1 person	1
Fuel Type	Propane Gas	5
ruer rype	Natural Gas	4
	Wood	3
	Electricity	2
	•	ral gas, propane gas, wood, electricity 1
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Special Conditions	Elderly Impaired	5
•	Elderly	5
	· Physical i	mpaired 5
	-	nder the age of five (5)
	Lives in a mobile hom	
	Lives in a mobile hom	_
	Lives in a house built	t prior to 1970 2
	Lives in a house buil	t after 1970 1
Determination of Benefits		
4.8 How do you handle crisis s	ituations?	
Separat	e component	
Fast Track		
Other -	Describe:	
Fast Tr	ack	

	le fuel and face ehold heating c ation process. T ment of payme y upon receivir h a maximum p	es an eve costs, the The work ant to avoing and ve payment	nt beyon househo kers will bid a shut erifying o of \$1,00		
4.9 If you have a separ	rate component, how do you Amount to resolve the crisis		risis assista	ice benefits?	
		•			
	Other - Describe:				
Crisis Requirements, 2	2604(c)				
		ssistance at	sites that are	e geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?	
• Yes O No Ex	xplain.				
	-				
64 Priva	te Road 1312 Elba, Alabama 3	36323			
4.11 Do you provide in	ndividuals who are physically	y disabled th	ne means to:		
	s for crisis benefits without le	eaving their	homes?		
• Yes O No If					
	t which applications for crisi	is assistance	are accepte	d?	
• Yes O No If					
If you answered "No" bled?	to both options in question 4	4.11, please	explain alter	native means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disa	
	Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B) 4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.				
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit					
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit					
Year-round Crisis	\$1,000.00 maximum ben			er former of here fite 9	
	n-kind (e.g. blankets, space h	eaters, fans) and/or oth	r forms of benefits?	
• Yes O No If ye Blankets	s, coats, gloves beanie caps, sp	ace heaters,	fans, air cond	litioners.	
4.14 Do you provide fo	or equipment repair or repla	cement usin	g crisis fund	ls?	
• Yes O No			0		
	" to question 4.14, you must	complete qu	estion 4.15.		
4.15 Check appropria	te boxes below to indicate ty	pe(s) of assis	stance provi	ded.	
		Winter C risis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis	
Heating system repair					
Heating system replac	ement				
Cooling system repair					
Cooling system replac	ement				
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 en	nforce a mo	ratorium on	shut offs?	
O Yes O 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	y special dis	pensation re	ceived by LIHE	AP clients during or after the moratorium period.
If any of the above questions requi the fields provided, attach a docum				arification that could not be made in ere.

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Sectio	on 5: WEATHE	CRIZATION ASSISTANCE			
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assur	rance 2				
5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshol		zation component			
Add Househo	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1 All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%		
5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreen	nent to have another gov	vernment agency administer a WEATHERIZ	ATION component? O Yes 💿		
5.3 If yes, name the agency.					
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol	for weatherization? 🔿	Yes 🖸 No			
WEATHEDIZATION Tumos of Dulos					
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LI	HEAP weatherization? ((Check only one.)			
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) r					
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHE					
		-la(a)haus I IIIE & D and WAD rules differ ((Nearly all that apply);		
	10110WIIIg DOL WAL I	ule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (C	neck an that appry):		
Income Threshold	, , ,				
le units or will become eligible within 180 d	ays	e is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in)			
Weatherize shelters temporaril are facilities).	y housing primarily low	income persons (excluding nursing homes, pr	isons, and similar institutional c		
Other - Describe:					
Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with	the following LIHEAP r	rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.)		
Income Threshold					
Weatherization not subject to I	OOE WAP maximum sta	ntewide average cost per dwelling unit.			
Weatherization measures are n	ot subject to DOE Savin	gs 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 eligibil	lity policies for :				
Renters	• Yes O No				
Renters living in subsidized housin g?	• Yes O _{No}				
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:	w.				
Elderly?	• Yes O No				
Disabled?	• Yes O No				
Young Children?	• Yes O No				
House holds with high energy burde ns?	⊙ Yes O _{No}				
Other? Veterans	• Yes O No				

Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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 bel ow.

See attached matrix. The landlords must keep the rental property up to standards. The landlord must sign an agreement that the rent will not be increased for five years, nor will the renter be forc ed to move, nor will the renter be penalized or charged for upkeep or routine maintenance. The application process is a first come and serve for the elderly, disabled and families with childre n ages five and younger; except for the home bound and a home visit is scheduled. The tribe cond ucts a yearly tribal census to determine the needs of the tribal citizens. The payments will go to the household with the greatest needs. Points are based on the above matrix.

The tribe believes that due to the relatively immobility of the handicapped and to the effects of the natural aging process, the temperature required to maintain a comfortable environment in these h ouseholds is higher than that of other households. While the tribe is not required to take these fact ors in consideration, it does not appear to be expressively prohibited.

Also, a mobile home is hard to regulate the temperature due to poor construction and insulation. The homes that were built prior to 1970 lacks the modern insulation and energy saving devices, an d appliances.

Benefit Levels

5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per household? 💽 Yes 🔘 No

5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$7,000

Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)

5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide ? (Check all categories that apply.)	
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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) - A	ssurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)	
6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure tha vailable:	t eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP	assistance a
Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of agin	ng, 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 available	ability 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 as e programs.	sistance at application intake for other low-incom	
Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to	perform outreach to target groups.	
Other (specify):		
Send notices out thru the local school districts. Social media, emails to	all tribal citizens.	
If any of the above questions require further explanati the fields provided, attach a document with said explan		made in

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	Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4
7.1 Des I, WAF	cribe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SS P, etc.).
N	Joint application for multiple programs
	Intake referrals to/from other programs
	One - stop intake centers
	Other - Describe:
hat sj ncil f	client is referred to the food bank for food and if the client is on a special diet food is purchase for t pecific client. Also, they are referred to the local college for GED and to Alabama Intertribal Cou or WIOA training. The client is also assisted with obtaining an application for food stamps, CHIP I Medicaid. School supplies are provided to school age children.
	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in ields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

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Section 8: Agency Designation, he (ssurance 6 (Re h of Puerto Ric	-	e grantees and t					
8.1 How would you categorize the primary respons	sibility of your State ag	ency?							
Administration Agency									
Commerce Agency	Commerce Agency								
Community Services Agency	Community Services Agency								
Energy / Environment Agency	Energy / Environment Agency								
Housing Agency									
Welfare Agency									
Other - Describe: Tribal									
Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assu If you selected ''Welfare Agency'' in question 8.1, y		stions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, a	as applicable.						
8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for HEATING AS	SISTANCE?							
8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for COOLING AS	SISTANCE?							
8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for CRISIS ASSIS	TANCE?							
8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization					
8.5a Who determines client eligibility?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government					
8.5b Who processes benefit payments to gas and e lectric vendors?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government						
8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel Tribal Government Tribal Government Tribal Government 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 admini	stering agencies?								
Not applicable									
8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? 1									

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	8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? O Yes O No					
8.9 If so	o, why?					
	Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -					
	Agency is under criminal investigation					
	Added agency					
	Agency closed					
	Other - describe					
	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in elds provided, attach a document with said explanation here.					

Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2005(b)(7) - Assurance 7
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Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating O Yes C No
Cooling O Yes O No
Crisis O Yes O No
Are there exceptions? O Yes O No
If yes, Describe.
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? A letter or email is sent to the client with the following information date of payment, amount paid and check number.
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?
The household is contacted 30-45 days to verify the payment amount was made to the client's account.
9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assista nce?
Each client is required to complete an application and provide required documentation. A client that is receiving TANF, SSI, Food Stamps, or certain VA tested programs they are automatically qualified for assistance. It is also in our vendor agreements that a household cannot be discriminated due to being a LIHEAP Client. SEE ATTACHED VENDOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible household s? • Yes O No
If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.
Verify that the company is registered to do business with Alabama Secretary of State and Ala bama Propane Gas Association.
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 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) - Assurance 10

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10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds?

The client completes the application, provides a roll card, view the social security card for non-trib al household members and a copy of the Alabama Driver's License. The application is verified for accuracy and completeness. The income is calculated to make sure that is in the 150% poverty gui delines. Other Low-income home energy assistance providers contacted to make sure there are no t duplication of services thru clients, spouses, social workers, family members, and others. The ene rgy vendor is contacted for correct amount owed.

Then the check is prepared and mailed to the vendor. The client is notified of amount, check numb er and date of payment. Then 30-45 days the client is contacted to determine i the energy bill was c redited.

SEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURE ATTACHMENT.

Audit Process

10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133? O Yes O No

10.3. Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring as sessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency from the most recently audited fiscal year.

No Findings

Finding	Туре	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken
1	other	Computer System was hacked and T roy Bank and Trust Bank was notifie d, all bank accounts were closed and new accounts were established. The computer was taken to a new IT Ven dor with bank encryption, new virus and malware programs added, which included 24/7 monitoring. NO FUN DS WERE TAKEN FROM THE TR IBE	Yes	procedure/policy changes
What types of Select all that	at apply.	rring Agencies uirements do you have in place for local a t offices are required to have an annual a		
Lo	cal agencies/distric	t offices are required to have an annual a	udit (other than A-133)	
Lo	cal agencies/distric	t offices' A-133 or other independent aud	its are reviewed by Grantee as	s part of compliance process.
Gr	antee conducts fisc	al and program monitoring of local agenc	eies/district offices	
Compliance	Monitoring			

Grantee employee	s:
Internal	program review
Departm	ental oversight
🗹 Seconda	ry review of invoices and payments
Other p	ogram review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
Local Administeri	ng Agencies / District Offices:
On - site	evaluation
🗹 Annual j	orogram review
Monitor	ing through central database
Desk rev	iews
Client Fi	le Testing / Sampling
Other p	ogram review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or a	tach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
plicatio	e initially reviews is done with completion of the application and every six months. The ap ns are reviewed of accuracy, completeness the client account was credited. Other agencies /ided a list of clients that the tribe serves.
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Section 11 - Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, , 2605(b)(12) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)

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Section 11: Timely and Meaningful Public Participation, 2	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:							
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? Increase the Weatherization to \$7,000.00 per house due to increase cost of materials.							
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	a of your LIHEAP funds?						
Date	Event Description						
1 05/30/2021	Tribal Meeting followed by Tribal Council Meeting						
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 25	J						
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)?							
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarifica	tion that could not be made in						

any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a res
Not applicable
your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are denied.
DENIAL
The reasons for denial are as follows:
1. Failure to complete the application or supply requested information
2. Falsify documentation.
3. Not a Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Citizen
4. Over income
5. Obtain energy assistance from another agency
APPEAL PROCESS
The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama provides for a fair hearing to ion is not denied or approved within the established timelines, or if the benefits ar
Clients are informed of their rights when the sign the application.
The applicant has the right to file an appeal for a hearing before the Ethics Committee. rs all complaints. If not satisfied with the Ethics Committee decision may appeal to Chi of Alabama, if not satisfied with Chief James Wright's decision, and then you may file Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Council and Chief. This must be done in 4 business days of being denied.
The address for the appeal is as follows: Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alaban al may be for being denied, and/or delayed processing. Processing can only begin once een completed
d how are applicants informed of these rights?
At the time the application is submited for assistance, provided that all required docum
your fair hearing procedures for households whose applications are not acted on i
APPEAL PROCESS

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama provides for a fair hearing to any household that is denied assistance, if the a pplication is not denied or approved within the established timelines, or if the benefits are less than the household believes it should be.

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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 an ult of fair hearings?

12.4 Describe yo

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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T o any household that is denied assistance, if the a pplicatio re less than the household believes it should be.

TI The Ethics Committee consist of a 3- person panel t hat hears ief James Wright of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek India n Tribe of e a complaint with the entire Tribal Council of the M a-Chis Lo writing through the United States Registered mail w ithin 14 b

Tl na, 64 Private Road 1312, Elba, Alabama 36323. Th all required information received, and verifications is appeal have beer

12.5 When and

A nentation is provided.

12.6 Describe yo in a timely manner. Clients are informed of their rights when the sign the application.

The applicant has the right to file an appeal for a hearing before the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee consist of a 3- perso n panel that hears all complaints. If not satisfied with the Ethics Committee decision may appeal to Chief James Wright of the Ma-Chis L ower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, if not satisfied with Chief James Wright's decision, and then you may file a complaint with the enti re Tribal Council of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribe of Alabama Triba Council and Chief. This must be done in writing through the United States Registered mail within 14 business days of being denied.

The address for the appeal is as follows: Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama, 64 Private Road 1312, Elba, Alabama 36 323. This appeal may be for being denied, and/or delayed processing. Processing can only begin once all required information received, a nd verifications have been completed

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

At the time of making an application.

Section 13 - Reduction of home energy needs, 2605(b)(16) - Assurance 16

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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 ther eby the need for energy assistance?

Provide free literature regarding energy saving techniques.

13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?

These are inkind services.

13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.

The energy saving was provided to 200 people with 130 being at or below poverty. This servi ce is provided as part of tribal meeting, emails which includes various health topics, safety issues s uch as food, medication recalls, reducing the cost of energy burdens

13.4 Describe the level ofdirect benefitsprovided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.

Installed a water heater for one household, which reduced the water and energy consumption.

13.5 How many households applied for these services? 1

13.6 How many households received these services? 1

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)							
14.1 Do you p O Yes O N		cation for the leveraging incer	ntive program?				
14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining recor ds.							
Not applicable							
14.3 For each describe the fe		or benefit to be leveraged in th	e upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 96.87(d)(2)(iii),				
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?				
1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable				

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Section 15 - Training

15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? ⊙ Yes ⊙ No



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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 measure s. Include timeframes and plans for meeting these requirements and what you believe will be accomplished in the coming federal fiscal year.

Not applicable

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	Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)									
17.1	Fraud Reporting Mechanisms	3								
a. D	escribe all mechanisms availab	ole to) the public for rep	orting cases of	f sus	pected waste, frau	ıd, and abuse. S	elec	t all that apply.	
	Online Fraud Reportin	g								
	Dedicated Fraud Report	rting	gHotline							
	Report directly to local	age	ncy/district office o	r Grantee offi	ice					
	Report to State Inspect	or G	eneral or Attorney	General						
	Forms and procedures	in pl	lace for local agenc	ies/district off	ices	and vendors to re	port fraud, was	te, a	nd abuse	
	Other - Describe:									
b. D	escribe strategies in place for a	adve	rtising the above-re	eferenced reso	ource	s. Select all that a	pply			
[Printed outreach mater	rials								
	Addressed on LIHEAP	app	lication							
[Website									
	Other - Describe:									
17.2	Identification Documentation	1 Rec	quirements							
a. In emb	dicate which of the following f ers.	form	s of identification a	re required o	r req	uested to be colle	cted from LIHF	EAP	applicants or the	ir household m
						Collected from	Whom?			
Тур	e of Identification Collected		Amelianto	1		All Adults in Household All Household Members			Maarkaar	
		_	Applicant O Required	niy		Required	Required		Members	
	al Security Card is photocopi nd retained					• • •				
		Requested			Requested			Requested		
	¥						~			
			Required			Required			Required	
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)										
			Requested			Requested			Requested	
<u>~</u>		>	Requested		~]	
Government-issued identification			Required			Required			Required	
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tri bal ID, passport, etc.)		>			>			>		
			Requested			Requested		Requested		
	Other		Applicant Only Bequired	Applicant On Boguested		All Adults in Household	All Adults in Household		All Household Members	All Household Members
			Required	Requested		Required	Requested		Required	Requested
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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 only)
Match SSN/Tribal ID number with tribal database or enrollment records (for tribal grantees only)
Other - Describe:
17.4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verification
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.
Clients sign an attestation of citizenship or legal residency
Client's submission of Social Security cards is accepted as proof of legal residency
Noncitizens must provide documentation of immigration status
Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport
Noncitizens are verified through the SAVE system
Tribal members are verified through Tribal enrollment records/Tribal ID card
Other - Describe:
17.5. Income Verification
What methods does your agency utilize to verify household income? Select all that apply.
Require documentation of income for all adult household members
V Pay stubs
Social Security award letters
Bank statements
Tax statements
Zero-income statements
Unemployment Insurance letters
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 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

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, a nd 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
If an improper payment is found the client will be contacted per certified United States Mail giving the client an opportunity to make restitution to the LIHEAP. If this fails, then fraud charg es will be filed against the Client with the local district attorney.
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? 5 years
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:
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 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)

64 Private Road 1312 <u>* Address Line 1</u>		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Elba <u>* City</u>	Alabama <u>* State</u>	³⁶³²³ <u>* Zip Code</u>
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 \$10,000 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.

Assulances		
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;		
(1) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs		

(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).