# **DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)**

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: APACHE

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# **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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* 1.a. Type of Submission:  Plan		* 1.b. Frequency:  • Annual		* 1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?  Explanation:  2. Date Received:		ng Request?	*1.d. Version: C Initial Resubmission Revision Update  State Use Only:		
					3. Applicant l	dentifier:			
					4a. Federal E	ntity Iden	tifier:	5. Date Received By State:	
					<b>4b. Federal A</b> G-16PQOKL		ntifier:	6. State Application Identifier:	
7. APPLICANT	7. APPLICANT INFORMATION								
* a. Legal Nam	* a. Legal Name: Apache Tribe of Oklahoma								
* b. Employer/	Taxpayer Identification	Number	( <b>EIN/TIN</b> ): 73-	0794322	* c. Organiza	tional DU	NS: 01928367	0	
* d. Address:							ıı		
* Street 1:	P.O. BOX 14	40			Street 2:				
* City:	ANADARKO				County:		Caddo		
* State:	OK				Province:				
* Country:	United States				* Zip / Pos	tal Code:	73005 -		
e. Organization	al Unit:								
Department Na Social Services	me: /LIHEAP Office				Division Name: Apache Tribe of Oklahoma				
f. Name and con	ntact information of per	son to be	contacted on ma	tters involving t	his application:				
Prefix: Mrs.	* First Name: Lottie			Middle Name:	Middle Name: * Last Name: Jay				
Suffix:	Title: Tribal Administrator			Organizational Affiliation: Apache Tribe of Oklahoma					
* Telephone Number: 4052479493	Fax Number 4052472763			* Email: ApacheTribe_TA@yahoo.com					
* <b>8a. TYPE OF</b> I: Indian/Native	APPLICANT: American Tribal Govern	ment (Fed	lerally Recognized	1)					
b. Additional	<b>Description:</b>								
* 9. Name of Federal Agency:									
				og of Federal Dom ssistance Number			CFDA Title:		
10. CFDA Numbers and Titles 93568					Low-Inco	ome Home Energ	gy Assistance		
11. Descriptive	11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project								
12. Areas Affected by Funding:									
13. CONGRESS	SIONAL DISTRICTS (	F:							
* <b>a. Applicant</b> Ok					<b>b. Program/P</b> LIHEAP Pro				
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.									

14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMA	TED FUNDING:		
<b>a. Start Date:</b> 10/01/2016 <b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2017			* a. Federal (\$): \$0	<b>b. Match (\$):</b> \$0	
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO R	EVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTI	VE ORDER 12	2372 PROCESS?		
a. This submission was made availab	le to the State under the Executive Order	r 12372			
Process for Review on :					
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 b	out has not been selected by State for rev	iew.			
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12	372.				
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?  © YES  O NO					
Explanation: Reconciling Federal Taxes with IRS					
18. By signing this application, I certify accurate to the best of my knowledge. I any false, fictitious, or fraudulent staten **I Agree		nd agree to cor	nply with any resulting terms if I accep	pt an award. I am aware that	
** The list of certifications and assurance	ces, or an internet site where you may ob	tain this list, is	contained in the announcement or age	ency specific instructions.	
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title o	f Authorized Certifying Official		18c. Telephone (area code, number a	nd extension)	
Lottie Jay			18d. Email Address		
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying	Official		18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, 11/01/2016	Day, Year)	
Attach supporting docum	nents as specified in agend	cy instruc	tions.		

#### **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 20447

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Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)

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

#### Section 1 Program Components Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. **Dates of Operation** (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.) **End Date Start Date** 10/01/2016 02/01/2017 Heating assistance V 09/01/2017 Cooling assistance 06/01/2017 10/01/2016 Crisis assistance 09/30/2017 V Weatherization assistance Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16 .2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to Percentage (%) Heating assistance 35.00% Cooling assistance 35.00% Crisis assistance 20.00% Weatherization assistance 0.00% 0.00% Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 10.00% Administrative and planning costs 0.00% Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) Used to develop and implement leveraging activities 0.00% TOTAL 100.00%

1.3 Th	e funds res	erved for winter crisis assistance that have	e not	been expended by M	Iarch 1	5 will be reprogra	mme	d to:		
>		Heating assistance		~	Cooling assistance					
		Weatherization assistance			Oth	ner (specify:)				
Catego	Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Assurance 8									
1.4 Do Yes	you consid	er households categorically eligible if one	house	ehold member recei	ves one	of the following ca	atego	ries of benefits in th	e left	column below? 💽
		'Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete t	the ta	ble below and answ	er ques	tions 1.5 and 1.6.				
				Heating	1	Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
TANF			$\odot$	Yes O No	⊙ y	es 🔘 No	⊙	Yes 🗖 No	0	Yes 💽 No
SSI			•	Yes O No	⊙ y.	es O No	•	Yes O No	0	Yes No
SNAP			$\odot$	Yes O No	<b>⊙</b> Y	es O No	⊙:	Yes O No	0	Yes No
Means-	tested Veter	ans Programs	$\odot$	Yes O No	<b>⊙</b> Y	es O No	⊙:	Yes O No	0	Yes No
		Program Name	"	Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other(	Specify) 1			O Yes O No		O Yes O No		C Yes O No		C Yes O No
1.5 Do	vou autom	atically enroll households without a direct	t anni	ual application? O	Yes 🦸	No		,		L.
	, explain:	accur, car on nouseavans wanted a uncer		ш пррисимом		-110				
detern	nining eligil	nsure there is no difference in the treatme bility and benefit amounts? on process is required for all applicants.	ent of	categorically eligibl	e house	holds from those r	ot re	ceiving other public	c assi	stance when
	**	X X								
	Nominal Pa	•		for CNIAD borrock als	1.0 O S	v. On				
		ate LIHEAP funds toward a nominal payr  'Yes'' to question 1.7a, you must provide a								
_		Iominal Assistance: \$112.00	a resp	onse to questions 1.	70, 1.70	, anu 1.7u.				
	requency of									
~	Once Per Y									
	Once every	five years								
	Other - De	scribe:								
1.7d H	low do vou	confirm that the household receiving a no	mina	l payment has an en	ergy co	st or need?				
	•	n of original bill statement or direct written i								
Determ	nination of I	Eligibility - Countable Income								
1.8. In	determinir	ng a household's income eligibility for LIH	IEAP	, do you use gross in	icome o	r net income ?				
1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income ?  Gross Income										
■   Net Income										
1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP										
~	Wages									
<b>V</b>	✓     Self - Employment Income									
~	<b>✓</b> Contract Income									
	Payments 1	from mortgage or Sales Contracts								
<u> </u>	✓ Unemployment insurance									

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

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

#### **Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE**

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	Sect	ion 2 - 1	Heating Assistance						
Eligibility, 2605(b)(	2) - Assurance 2								
2.1 Designate the in	ncome eligibility threshold used for the heating	g componen	et:						
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold						
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%					
2.2 Do you have ad HEATING ASSITA	ditional eligibility requirements for NCE?	• Yes	No						
2.3 Check the appr	opriate boxes below and describe the policies	for each.							
Do you require an	Assets test ?	<b>⊙</b> Yes (	No						
Do you have additi	onal/differing eligibility policies for:								
Renters?		C Yes	No						
Renters Livi	ng in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	No						
Renters with	utilities included in the rent ?	<b>⊙</b> Yes (	O <sub>No</sub>						
Do you give priorit	y in eligibility to:								
Elderly?		<b>⊙</b> Yes (	O No						
Disabled?		€Yes CNo							
Young childs	ren?	€Yes CNo							
Households v	with high energy burdens ?	C Yes <b>⊙</b> No							
Other?		O Yes	C Yes C No						
Explanations of po	licies for each "yes" checked above:	<u> </u>							
			enters agreement terms that include utilities. ATO prior with disabilities and young children will need to requi						
Determination of Be	enefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)								
2.4 Describe how y	ou prioritize the provision of heating assistant	e tovulnera	ble populations,e.g., benefit amounts, early applicate	tion periods, etc.					
ATO priorities for the	he elderly (over 60 years of age), disabled and fa	milies with o	children (under 6 years of age) will be given first considerations of the consideration of th	deration.					
2.5 Check the varia	ables you use to determine your benefit levels.	(Check all t	that apply):						
<b>✓</b> Income									
Family (household) size									
₩ Home energy cost or need:									
Fuel type									
	te/region								
	dual bill								
✓ Dwelli	ng type								
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)									

✓ Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2017:							
Minimum Benefit	\$100	Maximum Benefit	\$200				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) an	nd/or other forms of b	enefits? • Yes O No					
If yes, describe.							
The Apache Tribe helps with the purchasing of electric heaters, fans, and blankets during the winter and summer months.							
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.							

#### **Section 3 - COOLING ASSISTANCE**

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance								
Eligibility, 2605(c)(	1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2							
3.1 Designate The	income eligibility threshold used for the Cooli	ng compone	enet:					
Add Household size			Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Thresl					
1	4		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%				
3.2 Do you have ad COOLING ASSITA	ditional eligibility requirements for NCE?	<b>⊙</b> Yes (	Ō No					
3.3 Check the appr	opriate boxes below and describe the policies	4						
Do you require an Assets test?								
Do you have additi	onal/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		C Yes	⊙ No					
Renters Livi	ng in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	<b>⊙</b> No					
Renters with	utilities included in the rent ?	⊙ Yes (	◯ No					
Do you give priorit	y in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		<b>⊙</b> Yes (	◯ No					
Disabled?		⊙ Yes (	◯ No					
Young childs	ren?	€ Yes C No						
Households v	with high energy burdens ?	€ Yes C No						
Other?		C Yes C No						
Explanations of po	licies for each "yes" checked above:	1						
			renters agreement terms that include utilities. ATO pri ividuals with disabilities and young children will need					
3.4 Describe how y	ou prioritize the provision of cooling assistance	e tovulnera	able populations,e.g., benefit amounts, early applica	ation periods, etc.				
ATO priorities for the	he elderly (over 60 years of age), disabled and fa	milies with	children (under 6 years of age) will be given first cons	sideration.				
Determination of Be	enefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
3.5 Check the varia	ables you use to determine your benefit levels.	(Check all	that apply):					
✓ Income								
Family (household) size								
✓ Home energy cost or need:								
Fuel ty	ype							
	te/region							
	dual bill							
Dwelli	ng type							

Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)								
Energy need	Energy need							
Other - Describe:	Other - Describe:							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)	Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2017:								
Minimum Benefit	\$100	Maximum Benefit	\$200					
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and	l/or other forms of be	nefits? • Yes O No						
If yes, describe.								
Apache Tribe will buy fans for eligible tribal members that need assistance.								
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 i	ncome 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 L	IHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.						
In jeopardy of loosi	ng heating or cooling essential to health and well-being.						
4.3 What constitut	es a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>						
Conditions which the	nreaten life.						
Crisis Requiremen	nt, 2604(c)						
4.4 Within how ma	any hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve t	he energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hour	rs .				
4.5 Within how ma	any hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve t	he energy crisis for eligible households in life-thr	reatening situations? 18Hours				
Crisis Eligibility, 26	605(c)(1)(A)						
4.6 Do you have ad	ditional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCI	E? Yes No					
4.7 Check the app	ropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each	*					
Do you require an	Assets test ?	C Yes O No					
Do you give priori	ty in eligibility to :	·					
Elderly?		• Yes O No					
Disabled?		• Yes O No					
Young Child	lren?	• Yes O No					
Households	with high energy burdens?	• Yes O No					
Other?		C Yes C No					
In Order to receive	e crisis assistance:	D.					
Must the hou tank?	usehold have received a shut-off notice or have a near empt	y S Yes O No					
Must the hou	Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?						
Must the hou	Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?						
Must renters eviction notice ?	s with heating costs included in their rent have received an	C Yes O No					
Must heating	g/cooling be medically necessary?	C Yes ⊙ No					
Must the hou	usehold have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	C Yes ⊙ No					
Other?		C Yes C No					
Do you have addit	ional / differing eligibility policies for:	11-					

Renters?				C Yes <b>⊙</b> No					
Renters living in subsidi			C Yes						
Renters with utilities inc	cluded in the rent?			⊙ Yes C No					
Explanations of policies for ea	ch "yes" checked above:								
Renters with utilities included nelderly members. Information w				greement terms that include utilities. ATO priorities needs and services for all					
ciderry members. information w	viii be verified by CDID of th	ioai ciiroiiiiici							
Determination of Bound's									
4.8 How do you handle crisis s	Determination of Benefits  4.8 How do you handle origin situations?								
Separate component									
<u> </u>									
	Other - Describe:								
4.9 If you have a separate com		nine crisis ass	sistance benef	its?					
₩ I you have a separate con	Amount to resolve the cris		sistance benef						
	Other - Describe:								
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)									
4.10 Do you accept application	ns for energy crisis assistan	ce at sites tha	ıt are geograp	hically accessible to all households in the area to be served?					
C Yes No Explain.									
4.11 Do you provide individua									
Submit applications for cris		their homes?	'						
Travel to the sites at which		tance are acc	ented?						
• Yes O No If No, exp		tance are acc	сриси.						
		lease explain	alternative m	eans of intake to those who are homebound or physically disabled?					
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)									
4.12 Indicate the maximum be	enefit for each type of crisis	assistance of	ffered.						
Winter Crisis \$200	0.00 maximum benefit								
Summer Crisis \$200	.00 maximum benefit								
	0.00 maximum benefit								
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (		, fans) and/or	other forms	of benefits?					
• Yes O No If yes, Descr	ibe								
The Apache Tribe will be electric heaters, fans, blankets, whatever else is need for the crisis is.									
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?									
C Yes € No									
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									
				<u> </u>					

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 enforce	a moratoriur	n on shut offs	?		
⊙ Yes O No	⊙ Yes O <sub>No</sub>				
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.					
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.					
City of Anadarko has a mandatory shut off which is 16th of each month, and a reconnect charge of \$25.00 and retro active each for the payment of reconnect services.					
If any of the above questions require furthattach a document with said explanation		nation or c	clarification	n that could not be made in the fields provided,	

#### **Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

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	Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE				
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)	)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance	2			
5.1 Designate the inc	ome eligibility threshold use	ed for the Weatherization co	mponent		
Add	Househo	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold	
	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%	
5.2 Do you enter into	an interagency agreement	to have another government	agency administer a WEATHERIZATION comp	onent? C Yes C No	
5.3 If yes, name the a					
5.4 Is there a separat	te monitoring protocol for w	reatherization? O Yes O	No		
WEATHERIZATIO	N - Types of Rules				
		P weatherization? (Check or	aly one.)		
	LIHEAP (not DOE) rules	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
	DOE WAP (not LIHEAP)	rules			
			ere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that	annly):	
	Threshold	,g 2 0 2 , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	CO DATE DAY WAS AND CONCORDED THE	*PP-3/	
		y housing structure is permi	itted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit by	uildings) 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.					
Weather	ization measures are not su	bject to DOE Savings to Inv	estment Ration (SIR ) standards.		
Other - Describe:					
Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5					
5.6 Do you require an assets test?					
5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :					
Renters		O Yes O No			
Renters living	in subsidized housing?	O Yes O No			
5.8 Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:	4			
Elderly?		O Yes O No			
Disabled?		O Yes O No			
Young Children? C Yes C No					
House holds with high energy burdens?  \[ \bigcup_{Yes} \bigcup_{No} \]					

Other? C Yes C 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	Benefit Levels				
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per hou	sehold? O Yes O No				
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0					
Types of Assitance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)					
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categori	ies 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:				
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 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

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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):
Mail to Tribal members in local area
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#### Section 7 - Coordniation, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4				
7.1 Desc	ribe 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:			
Share in	formation with local Tribal services/programs.			

#### Section 8 - Agency Designation,, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6

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Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)

8.1 How would you categorize the primary responsibility of your State agency?

Administration Agency

	Commerce Agency					
	Community Services Agency					
	Energy / Environment Agency					
	Housing Agency					
	Welfare Agency					
>	Other - Describe: Tribal Government					
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 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?						
8.5 LIHEAP Component Administration.		Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization	
8.5a Wh	o determines client eligibility?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Non-Applicable	
8.5b Wh vendors	o processes benefit payments to gas and electric?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government		
8.5c who vendors	processes benefit payments to bulk fuel ?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government		
8.5d Wh measure	5d Who performs installation of weatherization easures?  Non-Applicable				Non-Applicable	
Te one	of wour I HIEAD components on	o o4 - o4	iniatawad bu a at	.4		

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?

Apache !	Business Committee		
8.7 How	v many local administering agencies do you use? 1		
8.8 Have Yes No	ve you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?		
8.9 If so	, why?		
	Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -		
	Agency is under criminal investigation		
	Added agency		
	Agency closed		
	Other - describe		
	y of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, a document with said explanation here.		

# Section 9 - Energy Suppliers,, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7

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	Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make payments	s directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating	• Yes O No
Cooling	• Yes O <sub>No</sub>
Crisis	• Yes ONo
Are there exceptions?	Yes O No
If yes, Describe.	
All payments are made by cl	heck or cashiers check to vendor
<b>9.2 How do you notify the o</b> Phone call and letter	client of the amount of assistance paid?
9.3 How do you assure that home energy and the amou	
	t no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance?  of all our services. Recepients who receive LIHEAP assistance will not be disqualified for any other services.
9.5. Do you make payment Yes No	s contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?
If so, describe the measu	res unregulated vendors may take.
	questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, with said explanation here.

# Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) - Assurance 10

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	Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)				
	_	ounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds? sits and vendor payments for LIHEAP. The	e Tribe's financial department abides by it's T	ribal Fiscal Policies.	
•	•				
Audit Process					
10.2. Is your LIHI • Yes • No	EAP program audited a	annually under the Single Audit Act and	OMB Circular A - 133?		
			table condition cited in the A-133 audits, or gency from the most recently audited fisca		
No Findings 🗹					
Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken	
1					
	ocal Administering Age				
What types of ann Select all that app		s do you have in place for local adminster	ring agencies/district offices?		
✓ Local ag	gencies/district offices a	re required to have an annual audit in co	ompliance with Single Audit Act and OMI	3 Circular A-133	
Local ag	gencies/district offices a	re required to have an annual audit (othe	er than A-133)		
Local ag	gencies/district offices'	A-133 or other independent audits are re	viewed 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					
<b>✓</b> Departmental oversight					
Secondary review of invoices and payments					
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:					
CPA serves to assist with monitoring LIHEAP financial activities.					
Local Adminstering 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.
December 31, 2016; March 31, 2017; June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2017. The protocol is intake workers submit all documents to Supervisor for review and evaluation of services.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
We only have one site to review.
Desk Reviews:
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
Quarterly
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) - Assurance 12, 2605(c)(2)

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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 Select all that apply.	nt of your LIHEAP plan?			
Tribal Council meeting(s)				
Public Hearing(s)				
Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment	t			
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and com	ment			
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:				
Tribal information meetings.  11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation?  Changes made include implementing a participant log that can be utilized to generate statistical data, i.e., number of clients served, town of clients, payment amount, vendor and running financial balance. This log will assist in improving the outreach notification necessary to be fair to all eligible clients within the service area.				
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 LI	HEAP funds?		
1	Date 06/18/2016	Event Description  Tribal General Council		
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)? 10				
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).				
Recipients requested an increase in assistance and specific data which	h reflect their local service area.			
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?				
Changes made include implementing a participant log that can be utilized to generate statistical data, i.e., number of clients served, town of clients, payment amounts, vendor and running financial balance. This log will assist in improving the outreach notification necessary to be fair to all eligible clients withing the service area. In addition the Apache Tribe will be developing LIHEAP program policy.				

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#### Section 12 - Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

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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.

Applicants that are denied have the right to a fair hearing through the chain of command Tribal Administrator, Apache Business Committee

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Fair hearing process will be stated on each Application Instruction Sheet

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

Statements will still be reviewed by Tribal Administrator and recommendation will be forwarded to Apache Business Committee to determine whether waiver is acceptance.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Notification at the time of request for fair hearing.

#### 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 thereby the need for energy assistance?

Pamplets and flyers

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

We would write the 5% in the budget

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

Goal is to reduce monthly bill

 $13.4\ Describe\ the\ level\ of direct\ benefits provided\ to\ those\ households\ in\ the\ previous\ Federal\ fiscal\ year.$ 

Difficult to determine year to year as applicants vary each year

13.5 How many households applied for these services? 98

13.6 How many households received these services? 42

#### 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?  O Yes  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					
Biannually					
✓ As needed					
Other - Describe:					
Employees are provided with policy manual					
Other-Describe: Participate in online webinar sessions					
b. Local Agencies:					
Formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
Biannually					
As needed					
Other - Describe:					
On-site training					
How often?					
Annually					
<b>✓</b> Biannually					
As needed					
Other - Describe:					
Employees are provided with policy manual					
Other - Describe					
c. Vendors					
Formal training conference					
How often?					
Annually					
✓ Biannually					
As needed					
Other - Describe:					

I I	Policies communicated through vendor agreements
_ I	Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
	Other - Describe: receive the training with the state
15.2 Does Yes No	your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?
•	of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, a document with said explanation here

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

The client log data described in section 12 above will be utilized to submit financial report and program reports

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)								
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms								
a. Describe all mechanisms available to	a. Describe all mechanisms available to the public for reporting cases of suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that apply.							
Online Fraud Reporting								
Dedicated Fraud Reporting	Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline							
Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office								
Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General								
Forms and procedures in pla								
Other - Describe:	Other - Describe:							
Contact Tribal Administrator								
b. Describe strategies in place for adver	tisin	g the above-referenced resources. Sel	lect a	ll that apply				
✓ Printed outreach materials								
Addressed on LIHEAP appl	icati	on						
Website								
Other - Describe:								
17.2. Identification Documentation Req	uireı	nents						
a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household members.								
Type of Identification Collected		Collected from Whom?						
		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	<b>&gt;</b>	Required		
		Requested		Requested		Requested		
Government-issued identification card (i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal	>	Required	>	Required	<b>&gt;</b>	Required		
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)		Requested		Requested		Requested		

	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.  Elders who have difficulty obtaining documents							
17.3	Identification Verification							
Desc	cribe what methods are used to verify	the authenticity of ide	ntification documen	ts provided by clien	nts or household memb	pers. 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/ca	se management syste	m (e.g., SNAP, TAN	<b>(F)</b>				
	Match with state Department of La	abor system						
	Match with state and/or federal co	rrections system						
	Match with state child support syst	em						
	Verification using private software	(e.g., The Work Num	lber)					
>	In-person certification by staff (for	tribal grantees only)						
>	Match SSN/Tribal ID number with	tribal database or en	rollment records (fo	or tribal grantees on	ıly)			
	Other - Describe:							
	. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verifica		II C .: 42		110° - 14 1 TITE	AD1 64-9 C-14	-11 41-41	
wna	at are your procedures for ensuring th			r anens wno are qua	annea to receive LIHE	AP benefits? Select	an that apply.	
>	Clients sign an attestation of citize		-					
_				idency				
H	Noncitizens must provide docume							
H	Citizens must provide a copy of th		naturalization paper	s, or passport				
	Noncitizens are verified through t	<u> </u>						
_	Tribai members are verified throt	igh Tribal enrollment	records/Tribal ID o	card				
	Other - Describe:							
Verif	fication through Bureau of Indian Affairs	5						
17.5	. Income Verification							
Wha	at methods does your agency utilize to	verify household inco	me? Select all that a	apply.				
>	Require documentation of income f	for all adult household	d members					
	Pay stubs							
	Social Security award letters							
	<b>✓</b> Bank statements							
	<b>✓</b> Tax statements							
	✓ Zero-income statements							
	<b>✓</b> Unemployment Insurance letters							
	✓ Other - Describe:							
Triba	Tribal, State and Federal social services statement							
	Computer data matches:							
	Income information matche	d against state compu	ter system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)				
	Proof of unemployment ben	efits verified with stat	te Department of La	bor				

Social Security income verified with SSA
Utilize state directory of new hires
Other - Describe:
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
✓ Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
<b>☑</b> 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
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.
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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:
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
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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   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
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
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 to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy

<b>Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism</b>
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
<b>✓</b> 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? 1 year
Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
✓ Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
Other - Describe:
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

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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)

511 East Colorado Street  * Address Line 1		
PO Box 1330 Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Anadarko <u>* City</u>	ок <u>*</u> State	73005 <b>* Zip Code</b>

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

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

(i) an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level for such State; or

(B) households with incomes which do not exceed the greater of -

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(ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of the State median income;

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

- (3) conduct outreach activities designed to assure that eligible households, especially households with elderly individuals or disabled individuals, or both, and households with high home energy burdens, are made aware of the assistance available under this title, and any similar energy-related assistance available under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program) or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;(4) coordinate its activities under this title with similar and related programs administered by the Federal Government and such State, particularly low-income energy-related programs under subtitle B of title VI (relating to community services block grant program), under the supplemental security income program, under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, under title XX of the Social Security Act, under the low-income weatherization assistance program under title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, or under any other provision of law which carries out programs which were administered under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 before the date of the enactment of this Act;(5) provide, in a timely manner, that the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income, taking into account family size, except that the State may not differentiate in implementing this section between the households described in clauses 2(A) and 2(B) of this subsection;
- (6) to the extent it is necessary to designate local administrative agencies in order to carry out the purposes of this title, to give special consideration, in the designation of such agencies, to any local public or private nonprofit agency which was receiving Federal funds under any low-income energy assistance program or weatherization program under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 or any other provision of law on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, except that -
- (A) the State shall, before giving such special consideration, determine that the agency involved meets program and fiscal requirements established by the State; and
- (B) if there is no such agency because of any change in the assistance furnished to programs for economically disadvantaged persons, then the State shall give special consideration in the designation of local administrative agencies to any successor agency which is operated in substantially the same manner as the predecessor agency which did receive funds for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made;

- (7) if the State chooses to pay home energy suppliers directly, establish procedures to --
- (A) notify each participating household of the amount of assistance paid on its behalf;
- (B) assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between the actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment made by the State under this title;
- (C) assure that the home energy supplier will provide assurances that any agreement entered into with a home energy supplier under this paragraph will contain provisions to assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of such assistance under applicable provisions of State law or public regulatory requirements; and
- (D) ensure that the provision of vendor payments remains at the option of the State in consultation with local grantees and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits under this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals receiving financial assistance for home energy costs:
- (8) provide assurances that,
- (A) the State will not exclude households described in clause (2)(B) of this subsection from receiving home energy assistance benefits under clause (2), and
- (B) the State will treat owners and renters equitably under the program assisted under this title;
- (9) provide that--
- (A) the State may use for planning and administering the use of funds under this title an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the funds payable to such State under this title for a fiscal year; and
- (B) the State will pay from non-Federal sources the remaining costs of planning and administering the program assisted under this title and will not use Federal funds for such remaining cost (except for the costs of the activities described in paragraph (16));
- (10) provide that such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be established as may be necessary to assure the proper disbursal of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the State under this title, including procedures for monitoring the assistance provided under this title, and provide that the State will comply with the provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "Single Audit Act");

- (11) permit and cooperate with Federal investigations undertaken in accordance with section 2608;
- (12) provide for timely and meaningful public participation in the development of the plan described in subsection (c);
- (13) provide an opportunity for a fair administrative hearing to individuals whose claims for assistance under the plan described in subsection (c) are denied or are not acted upon with reasonable promptness; and
- (14) cooperate with the Secretary with respect to data collecting and reporting under section 2610.
- (15) \* beginning in fiscal year 1992, provide, in addition to such services as may be offered by State Departments of Public Welfare at the local level, outreach and intake functions for crisis situations and heating and cooling assistance that is administered by additional State and local governmental entities or community-based organizations (such as community action agencies, area agencies on aging and not-for-profit neighborhood-based organizations), and in States where such organizations do not administer functions as of September 30, 1991, preference in awarding grants or contracts for intake services shall be provided to those agencies that administer the low-income weatherization or energy crisis intervention programs.
- \* This assurance is applicable only to States, and to territories whose annual regular LIHEAP allotments exceed \$200,000. Neither territories with annual allotments of \$200,000 or less nor Indian tribes/tribal organizations are subject to Assurance 15.
- (16) use up to 5 percent of such funds, at its option, to provide services that encourage and enable households to reduce their home energy needs and thereby the need for energy assistance, including needs assessments, counseling, and assistance with energy vendors, and report to the Secretary concerning the impact of such activities on the number of households served, the level of direct benefits provided to those households, and the number of households that remain unserved.

## **Plan Attachments**

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