DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: MIAMI

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Mandatory Grant Application SF-424

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

			* 1.b. Frequency: Annual			* 1.c. Consolidated Application/Pl an/Funding Request? Explanation: 2. Date Received: 3. Applicant Identifier: 4a. Federal Entity Identifier: 4b. Federal Award Identifier:		* 1.d. Version: Initial Resubmission Revision Update State Use Only: 5. Date Received By State:
					4b. Fed	eral Award 10	lentifier:	6. State Application Identifier:
7. APPLICAN	T INFO	RMATION						
* a. Legal Nar	me: Miar	mi Tribe of Ok	lahoma		50			
* b. Employer	:/Taxpay	er Identificati	on Number (EIN/TIN	73-10290	* c. Or	ganizational D	UNS: 08594	4619
* d. Address:								
* Street 1:		202 SOUTH	EIGHT TRIBES' TRA	IL	Stre	et 2:	P.O. BOX 13	326
* City:		MIAMI			Cou	nty:	Ottawa	
* State:		OK			Prov	ince:		
* Country:	: 1	United States			* Zi _] de:	p / Postal Co	74355 -	
e. Organizatio	nal Unit:				,			
Department N Social Service					Divisio Housii	n Name: ng		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:								
Prefix:	* First I Tamra	Name:		Middle Name	* Last Name: Bro			Name:
Suffix:	Title: Accour	nting Manager			nal Affiliation: e of Oklahoma			
* Telephone Number: (918) 541-1 313	Fax Nui	mber		* Email: tbro@miami	* Email: tbro@miamination.com			
* 8a. TYPE O I: Indian/Nativ			ernment (Federally Rec	eognized)				
b. Addition	al Descri	ption:						
* 9. Name of I	Federal A	Agency:						
				f Federal Domes tance Number:	stic	ic CFDA Title:		CFDA Title:
10. CFDA Num	bers and	Titles	93.568			Low-Income l	Home Energy A	Assistance Program
11. Descriptiv Miami Nation		f Applicant's I P Program FY						
	12. Areas Affected by Funding: 50 mile radius service area							
13. CONGRE	SSIONA	L DISTRICT	S OF:					
* a. Applicant 02				b. Program/Project: OK-002				
Attach an add	litional li	st of Program	/Project Congression	al Districts if n	eeded.			
14. FUNDING	F PERIO	D:			15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:			

	o. End Date: 09/30/2022	* a. Federal (\$): \$0	b. Match (\$): \$0				
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?							
a. This submission was made avail	able to the State under the Executiv	ve Order 12372					
Process for Review on :							
b. Program is subject to E.O. 1237	2 but has not been selected by State	for review.					
c. Program is not covered by E.O.	12372.						
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? O YES NO							
Explanation:							
complete and accurate to the best of n accept an award. I am aware that any	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 assura specific instructions.	nnces, or an internet site where you	may obtain this list, is contained in the	ne announcement or agency				
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title Tamra Bro, Accounting Manager	e of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area co (918) 541-1313	de, number and extension)				
		18d. Email Address tbro@miamination.com					
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifyi	ing Official	18e. Date Report Submi 10/26/2021	itted (Month, Day, Year)				
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.							

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

Section 1 Program Components

Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)

(Not	Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. e: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in plan.)	Dates of Operation	
		Start Date	End Date
>	Heating assistance	10/01/2021	04/30/2022
>	Cooling assistance	04/01/2022	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

The Heating and Cooling dates are overlapping for the month of April 2022, due to the unpredictable weather in Oklahoma.

Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16

1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to 100%.	Percentage (%)
Heating assistance	35.00%
Cooling assistance	35.00%
Crisis assistance	5.00%
Weatherization assistance	15.00%
Carryover to the following federal fiscal year	0.00%
Administrative and planning costs	10.00%
Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16)	0.00%
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 reprogrammed to:

	H	Heating assistance		Cooling as			ing assistance			
A	V	Weatherization assistance		Other (specify		y:) Summer Crisis Assistance				
	<u> </u>			<u> </u>						
_		ty, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2								
	you consider low? O Yes	households categorically eligible No	le if one ho	ousehold mei	mber rece	ives one of the	e follov	wing categories	of ber	nefits in the left colu
If you	answered "Yo	es" to question 1.4, you must co	mplete the	table below	and answ	er questions 1	1.5 and	d 1.6.		
	Heating Cooling Crisis Weatherization							Weatherization		
TANF CYes CNo CYes CNo CYes CNo CYes CNo								Yes O No		
SSI			C Yes	O No	C Yes	O No	Os	res O No	0	Yes O No
SNAP			C Yes	O No	C Yes	C No	Os	res O No	0	Yes O No
Means-	-tested Veterans	Programs	C Yes	O No	C Yes	C No	On	res O No	0	Yes O No
		Program Name		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other(Specify) 1		С	Yes O No	. 0	Yes O No		C Yes C No		C Yes C No
1.5 Do	you automati	cally enroll households without	a direct a	nnual applic	cation?	Yes 💽 No				
	, explain:									
		re there is no difference in the ligibility and benefit amounts?	treatment	of categoric	ally eligib	le households	from	those not receive	ing ot	her public assistance
WHEH	deter mining e	igiomey and benefit amounts.								
CNIAD	I.D.									
	Nominal Payı		,	4.6. CNIA.D		10Ov 6	21.,,			
		LIHEAP funds toward a nomi es" to question 1.7a, you must p								
		ninal Assistance: \$0.00	rovide a r	esponse to q	uesuons 1	./b, 1./c, and	1./u.			
	requency of A									
	requestey of it	Once Per Year								
		Once every five years								
		Other - Describe:								
1.7d H	Iow do you coi	nfirm that the household receiv	ing a nomi	inal paymen	t has an ei	nergy cost or 1	need?			
Deteri	mination of El	igibility - Countable Income								
1.8. In	determining	a household's income eligibility	for LIHE	AP, do vou u	ise gross i	ncome or net i	incom	e ?		
	Gross Income			, ,						
>	Net Income									
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	Wages	plicable forms of countable inco	ome used t	o aetermine	a nouseho	oia's income el	ngibili	uy for LIHEAP		
	· · ages									
V	Self - Employment Income									
>	Contract Income									
	Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts									
Payments from mortgage or Sales Contracts										
~	✓ Unemployment insurance									
~	Strike Pay									
V	Social Security	y Administration (SSA) benefit	ts							
		ń ii								
	Including tion	ng MediCare deduc	luding Me	ediCare dedu	ıction					
	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)									

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V	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
V	Rental income
>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
~	Income from work study programs
>	Alimony
~	Child support
V	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.)
V	Other

Cash gift/assistance from family member or friend living in or out of household.

Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance				
Eligibility, 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2				
2.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	omponent:		
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold	d
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income	(60.00%
	2.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for H				
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.		
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	⊙ No		
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:				
Renters?		• Yes	O _{No}		
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	• Yes	C _{No}		
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	• Yes			
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:				
Elderly?		⊙ Yes	C _{No}		
Disabled?		⊙ Yes			
Young chil	dren?	⊙ Yes			
	s with high energy burdens ?	• Yes			
d must be a memb other Federally re	Other? Head of household, spouse or dependent child must be a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma or an other Federally recognized tribe, and must reside within a 5 0 mile radius from the Miami Tribal Headquarters (service a				
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:				
Eligibility is determined by the following: Head of household, spouse or dependent child must be a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklah oma or another Federally Recognized Indian Tribe; and must reside within a 50-mile radius of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma headquarters (servic e area) with priority given to 1)Elderly; 2)Disabled; 3)Young children; and 4)households with high energy burden. Applicants must complete a household budget and submit with application. Applicants receiving subsidized housing assistance through the State or Tribe must only receive assistance reasonable to the amount of utility allowance provided through the subsidy; applicants whose utilities					
are provided in their rent must provide a rental agreement verifying the amount of the rent that is designated for utility costs; applicants whose util ity bill is in their landlord's name must provide a copy of their rental agreement, including their landlord's name, as well as a W-9 signed by the la ndlord; applicants whose bill is higher than the amount of assistance allowable are responsible for paying the remaining balance due on the utility account.					
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.					
Vulnerable populations are assisted through Crisis Heating Assistance which allow for priority assistance, as applicants with one of the fol lowing in the household receive expedited assistance. Vulnerable persons include: 1)elderly over age 60; 2) children under age 6; 3)persons with a disability; 4)persons in life threatening emergencies which pose a threat to the health and safety of one or more persons in the household.					
2.5 Check the va	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Cl	heck all that apply):		
✓ Income					
Family (hor	usehold) size				
₩ Home energy cost or need:					

Name of the last o							
✓ Fuel type							
Climate/region	Climate/region						
Individual bill							
Dwelling type							
Energy burden (% of inc	come spent on home energy)						
Energy need							
Other - Describe:							
Vulnerable Population Need Determination Children in the home (15 and younger) Person age 60 or older in the home Person with a disability Person with a life threatening medical condition Terminated from employment within the past year Member/Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces In addiction recovery program or counseling Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels Minimum Benefit	\$1	Maximum Benefit	\$400				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) and/or other forms of benefits?							
If yes, describe.							
Items such as blankets, caulking, weather stripping, insulation, storm windows, energy saving light bulbs, space heaters, heating equipmen t and/or systems and repairs. DIY weatherization kits, and other miscellaneous materials including literature regarding energy conservation are provided to applicants that do not have an adequate supply.							
If any of the above questi the fields provided, attack		lanation or clarification the	nat could not be made	le in			

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 Th	3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Cooling component:						
Add	Add Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold						
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income	60.00%			
	3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for C OOLING ASSITANCE?						
3.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.				
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	⊙ No				
Do you have add	itional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		O Yes	⊙ No				
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	Oyes	⊙ _{No}				
Renters wi	Renters with utilities included in the rent?						
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:	,					
Elderly?		⊙ Yes	O _{No}				
Disabled?		€ Yes C No					
Young chil	dren?	⊙ Yes C No					
Households	s with high energy burdens ?	Oyes	⊙ _{No}				
Other? Head of household, spouse or dependent child must be a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma or an other Federally recognized tribe and must reside within a 50 mile radius from the Miami Tribal headquarters (service are a)			○ No				
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:						
ma, OR an Pr	nother Federally Recognized Tribe, AND re	side within	chold, spouse or dependent child must be a mer a 50 mile radius of the Miami Tribal Headquar 3)Young Children, 4)Households with high ene	rters (service area).			
 Applicants must complete a household budget with their application. Applicants declaring themselves unemployed must provide verification of unemployment compensation benefits from the Unemployment Office. Applicants declaring themselves having no income must sign a No Income Declaration. Applicants receiving subsidized housing assistance through the State or Tribe must receive assistance reasonable to the amount of utility allowance through the subsidy. Applicants whose utilities are included in their rent must provide a rental agreement verifying the percentage of the monthly rental fee that is designated for utility costs. Applicants whose utility bill is in the landlord's name must provide a copy of the rental agreement, including the landlord's name, as well as a W-9 signed by the landlord. Applicants whose utility bill is higher than the amount of assistance allowable are responsible for paying the remaining balance due on the utility account. 							
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling as	sistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts	s, early application periods, etc.			

e of the following in the household receive expedited assistance.

Vulnerable populations are assisted through the Crisis Cooling Assistance which allows for priority assistance, as those applicants with on

Vulnerable populations	include:					
 Elderly over age 60; children under age 6 Persons with a disability, and Persons in life threatening emergencies which pose a threat to the health and safety of one or more members of the household. 						
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5)	- Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
3.5 Check the variables you use to de	termine your benefit levels. (Check	x all that apply):				
✓ Income						
Family (household) size						
✓ Home energy cost or need:						
✓ Fuel type						
Climate/region						
Individual bill						
Dwelling type						
Energy burden (% of inc	come spent on home energy)					
Energy need						
✓ Other - Describe:						
Vulnerable Population Need Determination Children in the home (15 and younger) Person age 60 or older in the home Person with a disability Person with a life threatening medical condition Terminated from employment within the past year Member/Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces In addiction recovery program or counseling						
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels t	for the fiscal year for which this pl	an applies				
Minimum Benefit	Minimum Benefit \$1 Maximum Benefit \$400					
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or other forms of benefits? • Yes • No						
If yes, describe. Items such as caulking, weather stripping, insulation, storm windows, energy saving light bulbs, fans, cooling equipment and/or systems a nd repairs, DIY weatherization kits, and other miscellaneous materials including literature regarding energy conservation education are provided to applicants that do not have an adequate supply.						
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 income eligibility threshold used for the crisis component

Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1	All Household Sizes	State Median Income	60.00%

4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.

A crisis is defined by weather-related and supply shortage emergencies and other household energy-related emergencies.

An Energy Crisis applicant is determined eligible when a member of the applicant's household includes a member of the following vulner able populations: 1)Elder over age 60, 2) Child under age 16, 3)Person with a disability

AND the vulnerable population member in the household is in risk of endangerment to their health and/or well being if energy assistance is not provided.

Non emergency crisis indudes crisis that are not considered life-threatening such as terminated from employment, education, income man agement, a member or veteran of the US armed forces or in an addiction recovery program or counseling.

An approved applicant must receive relief within 48 hours

4.3 What constitutes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>

A life-threatening crisis is defined as being without (disconnected) or within one week of being without (shut-off notice) primary heating a nd/or cooling.

Life threatening crisis include:

- · natural or man-made disasters that are considered unexpected or life-threatening (income loss due to layoff)
- terminal illness (person on life support)
- · natural disaster or severe weather

Crisis Requirement, 2604(c)

• unexpected expense (death related or medical)

AND the crisis must represent an imminent threat to the health and safety of the household if energy assistance is not provided. An approved applicant must receive relief within 48 hours.

4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households? 48Hours 4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve the energy crisis for eligible households in life-threatening situation s? 18Hours Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)

Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)	
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?	r 💽 Yes C No
4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for ea	ch
Do you require an Assets test ?	C Yes O No
Do you give priority in eligibility to :	, -
Elderly?	€ Yes C No
Disabled?	€ Yes C No
Young Children?	€ Yes C No
Households with high energy burdens?	G Yes C No

Other? Head of Household, spouse or dependent child must be a r mber of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma or another federally recognized tri AND live within a 50 mile radius of the Miami Tribe Headquarters (servi area)	be les to the
In Order to receive crisis assistance:	
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a neempty tank?	ar C Yes O No
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	C Yes © No
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benef	it? C Yes O No
Must renters with heating costs included in their rent have rece ed an eviction notice ?	iv C Yes O No
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?	€ Yes C No
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipent?	m C Yes € No
Other?	C Yes ⊙ No
Do you have additional / differing eligibility policies for:	
Renters?	€ Yes C No
Renters living in subsidized housing?	€ Yes C No
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	€ Yes C No
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:	
Eligibility is determined by the following: Head of house oma or another federally recognized tribe AND must reside within Priority in eligibility is given in: 1)Elderly, 2)Disabled, 3) Additional eligibility policies are as follows:	* , ,
Determination of Benefits	
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?	
Separate component	
Fast Track	
Other - Describe:	
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis as	sistance benefits?
Amount to resolve the	
Other - Describe:	
Silet Beschie	
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)	
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites th	at are geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?
⊙ Yes ○ No Explain.	
	ng Dept. is located at 3410 P Street NW, Miami, OK. and operates the LIHEAP le at the Tribal Headquarters, Tribal Court, Elder Nutrition Center, Tribal Tag O e located throughout Miami, Oklahoma.
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the mean	
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes	!
€ Yes € No If No, explain.	
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are acc	epted?
Yes No. If No, explain.	
If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain	
bled?	alternative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically disa
bled? Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)	
bled?	

Year-round Crisis \$400.00 maximum benef	fit		
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space h	ieaters, fans)	and/or othe	er forms of benefits?
⊙ Yes ○ No If yes, Describe			
	stems and rep	pairs, DIY we	ation, storm windows, energy conserving light bulbs, space cooling/heating eatherization kits and other miscellaneous materials including literature reg o not have adequate supply.
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or repla	acement usin	g crisis fund	ds?
• Yes O No			
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must	complete qu	estion 4.15.	
4.15 Check appropriate 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 replacement	~	>	
Cooling system repair	~	>	
Cooling system replacement	V	>	
Wood stove purchase	~	>	
Pellet stove purchase	V	>	
Solar panel(s)	V	>	
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups	~	~	
Other (Specify):			
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with e	nforce a mor	ratorium on	shut offs?
C Yes O No			
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	t respond to	question 4.1	17.
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.			
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.			

Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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SF - 424 - MANDATORY **Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE** Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assurance 2 5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the Weatherization component Household Size Eligibility Threshold Eligibility Guideline All Household Sizes State Median Income 5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component? O Yes 5.3 If yes, name the agency. 5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization? O Yes WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.) Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply): Income Threshold Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligib le units or will become eligible within 180 days Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional c are facilities). Other - Describe: Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the following LIHEAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.) Income Threshold Weatherization not subject to DOE WAP maximum statewide average cost per dwelling unit. Weatherization measures are not subject to DOE Savings to Investment Ration (SIR) standards. Other - Describe: Eligibility, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5 O Yes O No 5.6 Do you require an assets test? 5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for : Yes □ No Renters living in subsidized housin 5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to: Elderly? Disabled? Yes ○ No Young Children? House holds with high energy burde Yes ○ No ns? Other? Head of household, spouse or

dependent child must be a member of the Mi ami Tribe of Oklahoma or another federally recognized tribe, and reside within 50 miles of the Miami Tribal headquarters (service ar 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 Eligibility is determined by the following: Head of household, spouse or dependent child must be of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, or an other Federally recognized Tribe AND reside within 50 miles of the Miami Tribal Headquarters (service area). Priority in eligibility to: 1)Elderly, 2)Disabled, 3)Young Children, 4)Households with high energy burdens. Additional eligibility policies are as follows: applicant must complete a household budget with their application applicants declaring themselves unemployed must provide verification of unemployment compensation benefits from the Unemployment Offic applicants declaring themselves having no income must sign a No Income Declaration applicants whose utilities are included in their rent must provide a rental agreement, verigying the percentage of the monthly rental fee that is de signated for utility costs. applicants whose bill is in the landlord's name must provide a copy of the rental agreement, including the landlord's name, as well as a W-9 sign ed by the landlord applicants whose utility bill is higher than the amount of assistance available are responsible for paying the remaining balancew due on the utilit y accounts. 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? \$400 Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D) 5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categories that apply.) ~ Weatherization needs assessments/audits Energy related roof repair ~ ~ Caulking and insulation **Major appliance Repairs** V V Storm windows Major appliance replacement V 4 Furnace/heating system modifications/ repairs Windows/sliding glass doors V V Furnace replacement Doors V V Cooling system modifications/ repairs Water Heater V Water conservation measures Cooling system replacement Compact florescent light bulbs Other - Describe:

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DIY weatherization kits, weather stripping, energy conservation education

al literature, and misc. materials as funding allows.

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Publish articles in the tribal newsletter

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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 a vailable: | 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): | Provide brochures at community events | Provide in-home visits with those unable to come to the office

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

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Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4 7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SS I, WAP, etc.). Joint application for multiple programs Intake referrals to/from other programs One - stop intake centers Other - Describe: The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma staff will coordinate with state and other tribal LIHEAP programs to avoid duplicate payments.

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Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and t

	he Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)						
8.1 Hov	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 Social Services &	Housing					
If you s	Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15 If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable. 8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?						
	8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?						
8.4 Hov	v do you provide alternate outreach and int	ake for CRISIS ASSIS	STANCE?				
8.5 LIH	IEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization		
8.5a W	ho determines client eligibility?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government		
	ho processes benefit payments to gas and e vendors?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government			
8.5c wh vendor	no processes benefit payments to bulk fuel s?	Tribal Government	Tribal Government	Tribal Government			
8.5d W measur	ho performs installation of weatherization es?				Other		
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?							
The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is administering agency. No selection process is necessary as the administration is internal.							
8.7 Hov	8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use? N/A						

C Yes	8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year? Yes No					
8.9 If s	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 fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.					

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Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7 9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers? Yes O No Heating Tes O No Cooling Crisis Are there exceptions? Yes No If ves, Describe. Exceptions apply when utility payments are included in eligible applicant's rental payments. When this occurs, utility payments are made directly to the landlord or rental company after receipt of invoice. 9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? A notification letter is sent advising the applicant of their eligibility and benefit payment amount. Additionally, some applicants are also n otified verbally at the time of intake. 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? Vendor Agreements will contain provision to assure: 1. that the eligible household will be billed appropriately 2. that the eligible household willnot be treated adversely because of such assistance, and 3. that the provision of vendor payments remains with the Tribe and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alle viate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements between suppliers and individuals eligible for benefits unde r this Act that seek to reduce home energy costs, minimize the risks of home energy crisis, and encourage regular payments by individuals recei ving financial assistance for home energy costs. 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 Vendor agreements will contain provisions to assure that the eligible household will not be treated adversely because of their receipt of LI HEAP assistance. 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible household

If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

Yes □ No

Vendor Agreements will contain provision to assure that the provision of vendor payments remains with the Tribe and may be contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households, including providing for agreements bet ween suppliers and individuals 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.

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)

10 1	How do r	OH OBCHEO	good ficaal	accounting or	ed tracking of	f LIHEAP funds?

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma has a centralized accounting department under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer and the sight of the elected Secretary-Treasurer who ensure fiscal responsibility of all programs according to general accounting procedures and feder

al program guidelines. All e The Social Services al Services & Housing Depa	rtment have access to the online accoundlso provides weekly ledger sheets to the	tation and approval prior to payment be ance received in each applicant file, and ting record system to cross-check that	ing released to home energy suppliers. d also in the program budgets. The Soci balances match in each department. T		
Audit Process					
10.2. Is your LIHEAP program at Yes No	udited annually under the Single Aud	it Act and OMB Circular A - 133?			
	rising to the level of material weaknes ws, or other government agency revie		A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring as most recently audited fiscal year.		
No Findings 🗹					
Finding Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken		
1					
10.4. Audits of Local Administerin What types of annual audit requir Select all that apply.	ng Agencies rements do you have in place for local	administering agencies/district offic	es?		
Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133					
Local agencies/district of	ffices are required to have an annual	audit (other than A-133)			
Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grantee as part of compliance process.					
Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices					
Compliance Monitoring					
10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: Select all that apply					
Grantee employees:					
☑ Internal program review					
✓ Departmental oversight					
Secondary review of invoices and payments					
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:					
Multiple monitoring techniques including, but not limited to, administrative review, pre-certification of all applicants, submission of mont hly reports to Department Manager by LIHEAP staff, submission of monthly reports to Grants Compliance Department and Executive Officer by Department Manager, coordination with State and Tribal LIHEAP to prevent duplication of services, written annual report to tribal members, and year-end audit.					

Local Administering Agencies / District Offices:

On - site evaluation
Annual program review
Monitoring through central database
Desk reviews
Client File Testing / Sampling
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
Desk Reviews:
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues?
10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues?
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Section 11: Timely and Meanin	ngful Public Participati	on, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)
11.1 How did you obtain input from the public in the deve Select all that apply.	elopment of your LIHEAP plan?	
✓ Tribal Council meeting(s)		
Public Hearing(s)		
Draft Plan posted to website and available for c	omment	
Hard copy of plan is available for public view a	nd comment	
Comments from applicants are recorded		
Request for comments on draft Plan is advertise	ed	
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)		
Comments are solicited during outreach activiti	es	
Other - Describe:		
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan a We are asking for Admin and Planning costs of solutions available to provide more information.		le to travel to member events and have more pamphlet
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Common	wealth of Puerto Rico Only	
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hea	ring(s) on the proposed use and dist	ribution of your LIHEAP funds?
	Date	Event Description
1	07/26/2021	Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Annual Meeting
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the h	earing(s)? 15	
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearin	g(s).	
Most comments received were that they were apply for assistance to which we were glad to assist. ve them resources for LIHEAP assistance in their are	There were a few comments by people	ices it offers. There were requests for applications to living outside the service area, to which we tried to gi
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan a	s a result of the comments received a	at the public hearing(s)?
We are looking for ways to increase availibility pick up and safely drop off applications. We are work milies in need.		led an outdoor application box and locked drop box to d other solutions to safely increase outreach to our fa

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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?

N/A

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

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's Policy and Procedures allow for applicants to be informed of the Miami Tribe's fair hearing procedure. The LIHEAP procedure from intake to payment of benefit is outlined with clear definitions of allowabel timelines for application to be processed for eligibility, and if the household is approved, denied or needs to supply further information. Applicants are also provided step-by-step instructions for appealing the decision. A request for a fair hearing must be submitted in writing to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma office within 10 days of a decision notification.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of their rights to a fiar hearing at the time they complete an application, as it is included within the application packet. They are also informed through postings made visible in the waiting area of the Social Services and Housing Department.

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

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's Policies and Procedures allow for all applicants to be informed of the Miami Tribe's fair hearing procedures. The process is included as a part of the application packet and requires signature verifying the applicant has been informed of the procedure. The LIHEAP procedure from intake to payment benefits is oulined with cliear definitions of allowable timelines for applications to be processed for eligibility and if the household is approved, denied or needs to supply further information. Applicants are a lso provided step-by-step instructions for appealing the decision. A request for a Fair Hearing must be submitted in writing to the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma office within 10 days of a decision notification.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are informed of their rights to a Fair Hearing at the time they complete an application as it is included within the application packet. They are also informed through postings made visible in the waiting area of the Social Services and Housing Department.

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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?

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma provides handouts to LIHEAP applicants suggesting ways to reduce energy use and cost.

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

Educational materials are provided through Tribal resources to off-set LIHEAP expenses.

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

The information provided an opportunity for LIHEAP staff to discuss the improtance of weatherization and budgeting for seasonal energy spikes. The majority were receptive to the material and assistance.

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

N/A

13.5 How many households applied for these services? N/A

13.6 How many households received these services? all

Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)

	i to subilit ali application for	the leveraging incenti	ive program:	
C Yes O No				

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

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

Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?
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Section 15 - Training

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Section 15: Training
15.1 Describe the training you provide for each of the following groups:
a. Grantee Staff:
Formal training on grantee policies and procedures
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe: New Staff and New Award Training
Employees are provided with policy manual
Other-Describe: New Staff members are given training as part of orientation procedures. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Grants Department holds formal training on all n ew awards and awards of continued funding at the time the award letter is received. This formal training outlines deliverables and reporting requirement s, Miami Nation policies and procedures for grants administration including compliance with federal award requirements, and explains the intent of the f unding and the purpose for the program and award.
b. Local Agencies:
Formal training conference
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:
On-site training
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:
Employees are provided with policy manual
Other - Describe
c. Vendors
Formal training conference
How often?
Annually
Biannually
As needed
Other - Describe:

Policies communicated through vendor agreements
Policies are outlined in a vendor manual
Other - Describe:
15.2 Does your training program address fraud reporting and prevention? ▼ Yes No
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in

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

N/A

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)							
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms							
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 Hotline							
Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office							
Report to State Inspect	or General or Attorney General						
Forms and procedures	in place for local agencies/district offi	ices and vendors to report fraud, was	ste, and abuse				
Other - Describe:							
Information explaining	ng how to report fraud, waste and abuse	is provided:					
 in writing to applicants at the time of intake within the Vendor Agreement and is posted in the waiting area of the Social Services & Housing Dept. 							
	advertising the above-referenced reso	urces. Select all that apply					
Printed outreach mater	rials						
Addressed on LIHEAP	application						
Website							
Other - Describe:							
17.2. Identification Documentation	Requirements						
a. Indicate which of the following forms of identification are required or requested to be collected from LIHEAP applicants or their household m embers.							
Type of Identification Collected	Collected from Whom?						
•	Applicant Only All Adults in Household All Household Members						
Social Security Card is photocopi ed and retained	Required	Required	Required				
	Requested	Requested	Requested				
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)	Required	Required	Required				
	Requested	Requested	Requested				
Government-issued identification card	Required	Required	Required				

(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tri bal ID, passport, etc.)	Requested		Requested		Requested	
		1	All Adults in	All Adults in	All Household	All Household
Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	Household Required	Household Requested	Members Required	Members Requested
1						
b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.						
17.3 Identification Verification						
Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply						
Verify SSNs with Social Secur	ity Administration					
Match SSNs with death record	ls from Social Secur	rity Administratio	n or state agency			
Match SSNs with state eligibil	ity/case managemen	nt system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)			
Match with state Department	of Labor system					
Match with state and/or feder	al corrections systen	n				
Match with state child suppor	t system					
Verification using private soft	ware (e.g., The Wor	k Number)				
In-person certification by staf	f (for tribal grantees	s only)				
Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal databas	e or enrollment re	cords (for tribal g	grantees only)		
Other - Describe:	Other - Describe:					
17.4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Ve	rification					
What are your procedures for ensuriall that apply.	ng that household m	nembers are U.S. c	itizens or aliens w	ho are qualified to	receive LIHEAP	benefits? Select
Clients sign an attestation of	citizenship or legal	residency				
Client's submission of Social	Security cards is ac	cepted as proof of	legal residency			
Noncitizens must provide do	cumentation of imm	igration status				
Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport						
Noncitizens are verified thro	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 utili	ze to verify househo	ld income? Select	all that apply.			
Require documentation of inc	ome for all adult ho	usehold members				
Pay stubs						
Social Security award l	etters					
Bank statements						
Tax statements						
Zero-income statement	s					
Unemployment Insuran	nce letters					
Other - Describe:						
Statement from Employe	r					
Computer data matches:						
Income information ma	atched against state	computer system	(e.g., SNAP, TAN	F)		
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor						
Social Security income	verified with SSA					

Utilize state directory of new hires
Other - Describe:
7.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
✓ Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
✓ Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
Other - Describe:
7.7. 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:
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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				
V 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				
Refer to Tribal Attorney General				
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)

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma: 3410 P Stree * Address Line 1	t NW	
P.O. Box 1326 Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Miami * City	ok <u>* State</u>	74355-1326 * Zip Code

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

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

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

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

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

Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

Assurances

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8) provide assurances that,

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

(9) provide that--

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

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

Plan Attachments

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