DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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						3. Applicant	Identifie	r:			
						4a. Federal	Entity Ide	entifier:		5. Date Received By State:	
						4b. Federal	Award Id	entifier	:	6. State Application Identif	ier:
7. APPLICAN	Γ INF(ORMATION									
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* b. Employer / 1-730932018	Taxpa	yer Identificati	on Nun	nber (EIN/TIN)	:	* c. Organiz	ational D	UNS:	161992	123	
* d. Address:						1					
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* City: * State:		OKMULGEE OK	5			County: Province					
* Country:		United States				* Zip / Po Code:		74447 -			
e. Organization	al Uni	t:									
Department Na Human Service						Division Name: Social Services					
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11. Descriptive	Title o	of Applicant's I	Project								
12. Areas Affec	12. Areas Affected by Funding:										
13. CONGRES	SIONA	AL DISTRICT:	S OF:								
* a. Applicant	a. Applicant b. Program/Project:										

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.								
14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIM	ATED FUNDING:					
a. Start Date: 10/01/2018	b. End Date: 09/30/2019		* a. Federal (\$): \$0	b. Match (\$): \$0				
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT T	O REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EX	ECUTIVE C	ORDER 12372 PROCESS	?				
a. This submission was made ava	ilable to the State under the Executiv	e Order 123	72					
Process for Review on :								
b. Program is subject to E.O. 123	72 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 O NO								
Explanation:								
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)								
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.								
	tle of Authorized Certifying Official		18c. Telephone (area co	de, number and extension)				
Erin Saltsman		18d. Email Address ESaltsman@mcn-nsn.gov						
18b. Signature of Authorized Certify	ying Official	18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 10/18/2018						
Attach supporting doc	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. required in order to receive a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant in yea file an abbreviated plan. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to ave for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a cur-	rs in which the grau rage 1 hour per res f information. An a	ntee is not permitted to ponse, including the time gency may not conduct or					
Section 1 Program Components							
Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C)							
1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.)	Dates	of Operation					
	Start Date	End Date					
Heating assistance	11/01/2018	03/29/2019					
Cooling assistance	05/01/2019	09/30/2019					
Crisis assistance	10/01/2018	09/30/2019					
Weatherization assistance							
Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary							
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Estimated Funding Allocation $2604(C)$ $2605(b)(1)$ $2605(b)(16)$ Assurances 0 and 16							
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Section 1 - Program Components

Alternate	Use of Crisis	Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C)							
1.3 The fu	inds reserve	d for winter crisis assistance th	at have r	ot been expen	ided b	y March 15 will	be re	programmed to:		
	Heating a	assistance			Cooli	ng assistance				
	Weather	ization assistance			Other	r (specify:) Summ	ner ci	risis program		
Categoric	al Eligibility	y, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2,	2605(c)(1	l)(A), 2605(b)(8A) -	Assurance 8				
1.4 Do yo	u consider h	ouseholds categorically eligible	e if one ho	ousehold mem	ber re	eceives one of the	follo	wing categories of	f ben	efits in the left
	elow? 🔿 Ye									
f you ans	swered "Yes	" to question 1.4, you must con	nplete the	e table below a	and ar	swer questions 1	.5 an	d 1.6.		
				Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
ANF				s 💽 No		Yes 💽 No	_	Yes 💿 No		Yes O _{No}
SI				s 💽 No	0	Yes 💽 No	<u> </u>	Yes 💿 No	\circ	Yes ONo
NAP			Oye	s 💽 No	Ο	Yes 💽 No	С	Yes 💿 No	0	Yes 🔘 No
/leans-test	ed Veterans l	Programs	OYe	s 💽 No	0	Yes 💿 No	C	Yes 💿 No	0	Yes ONo
		Program Name		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other(Spec	cify) 1		0	Yes ON0		O Yes O No		O Yes O No		O Yes O No
5 Do	n ontomati-	ally appeal householdsth			tior?					
		ally enroll households without	a direct a	nnual applica	uon?	res ™No				
f Yes, ex	plain:									
		re there is no difference in the t gibility and benefit amounts?	reatment	of categorical	lly eliş	gible households f	from	those not receivin	ng oth	er public assistance
SNAP No	minal Payme	ents								
.7a Do y	ou allocate I	LIHEAP funds toward a nomin	al payme	ent for SNAP l	nousel	nolds? O Yes	No			
		" to question 1.7a, you must pr								
.7b Amo	unt of Nomi	inal Assistance: \$0.00								
.7c Freq	uency of As	sistance								
On	ce Per Year									
On	ce every five	e years								
Oth	ner - Describ	e:								
 1.7d How	do you conf	firm that the household receiving	ng a nom	inal payment l	has ar	energy cost or n	eed?	1		
N/A	·		0							
Determina	tion of Eligi	bility - Countable Income								
.8. In de	termining a	household's income eligibility f	for LIHE	AP, do you us	e gros	s income or net i	ncon	ne ?		
🗹 Gro	oss Income									
Net	Income									
1.9. Select	t all the app	licable forms of countable inco	me used t	o determine a	hous	ehold's income el	igibil	lity for LIHEAP		
Va Wa	ges									
Self	f - Employm	ent Income								
Сог	ntract Incon	1e								
Pay	ments from	mortgage or Sales Contracts								

>	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						
N	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						
N	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						
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.						

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	Secti	on 2 - 1	Heating Assistance					
Eligibility, 2605(1	b)(2) - Assurance 2							
2.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshold used for the	heating co	mponent:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	60.00%				
2.2 Do you have HEATING ASSI	additional eligibility requirements for TANCE?	O Yes	🖸 No					
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.					
Do you require a	nn Assets test ?	O Yes	⊙ No					
Do you have add	litional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		O Yes	⊙ _{No}					
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	⊙ No					
Renters wi	Renters with utilities included in the rent ?							
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		C Yes	💽 No					
Disabled?		O Yes	⊙ No					
Young chil	ldren?	C Yes	💽 No					
Household	s with high energy burdens ?	C Yes ⊙ No						
Other?		O Yes	C No					
Explanations of	policies for each ''yes'' checked above:							
Determination of	Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
2.4 Describe how	v you prioritize the provision of heating as	sistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amounts	s, early application periods, etc.				
Households with	vulnerable populations are given additional	points that	increase their assistance.					
2.5 Check the va	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Ch	neck all that apply):					
✓ Income								
Family (ho	usehold) size							
Home ener	gy cost or need:							
Fue	l type							
	nate/region							
	ividual bill							
	elling type							
	rgy burden (% of income spent on home of	nergy)						
	rgy need	BJ /						
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Conter - Describe:								

Section 2 - HEATING ASSISTANCE

Vulnerable population need: points given to each vulnerable population.							
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2018:							
Minimum Benefit	\$100	Maximum Benefit	\$450				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space hea	• ters) and/or other fo	rms of benefits? • Yes O No					
If yes, describe.							
Space Heaters will be provided to approved applicants.							
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	Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2							
	he income eligibility threshold used for th	e Cooling o	component:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold				
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	60.00%				
3.2 Do you have COOLING ASS	e additional eligibility requirements for ITANCE?	O Yes	€ No					
3.3 Check the a	ppropriate boxes below and describe the	policies for	each.					
Do you require an Assets test ? O Yes O No								
Do you have ad	ditional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		C Yes	€ No					
Renters L	iving in subsidized housing ?	O Yes	• No					
Renters w	rith utilities included in the rent ?	O Yes	€ No					
Do you give pri	ority in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		C Yes	• No					
Disabled?		C Yes	• No					
Young chi	ildren?	O Yes	⊙ No					
Househol	ds with high energy burdens ?	O Yes	⊙ No					
Other?		O Yes	C No					
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:							
3.4 Describe ho [,]	w you prioritize the provision of cooling a	ssistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit amoun	ts, early application periods, etc.				
Households with	vulnerable populations are given additiona	l points that	increase their assistance.					
Determination of	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
3.5 Check the v	ariables you use to determine your benefi	t levels. (Cl	neck all that apply):					
Income								
🗹 Family (ho	ousehold) size							
Home ener	rgy cost or need:							
Fu	el type							
Climate/region								
Ind	Dwelling type							
	relling type							
Dw	relling type ergy burden (% of income spent on home	energy)						

Other - Describe:								
Vulnerable population need: points given for each vulnerable population.								
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)								
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2018:								
Minimum Benefit	\$100	Maximum Benefit	\$450					
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioner	s) and/or other form	ns of benefits? 💿 Yes 🔘 No	1					
If yes, describe.								
Fans will be provided to approved applicants.								
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	ASSISTA	ANCE
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Section 4: CRIS	IS ASSISTANCE		
Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)			
4.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold used for the crisis compone	ent		
Add Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold	
1 All Household Sizes HF	IS Poverty Guidelines	60.00%	
4.2 Provide your LIHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.			
Crisis is defined as having one or more of the following: - An active cut-off notice (within 72 hours) - Option to restore service (within 5 business days of cut off) - Refusal notice to deliver additional fuel			
May be used in conjunction with regular payment.			
4.3 What constitutes a life-threatening crisis?			
Cut-off or restoration of services to those with a life-threatening illness. Crisis Requirement, 2604(c) 4.4 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will rest	olve the energy crisis for eligible househo	lds? 48Hours	
4.5 Within how many hours do you provide an intervention that will reso 24 excluding weekends Hours	olve the energy crisis for eligible househo	lds in life-threatening situations?	
Crisis Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A)			
4.6 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?	O Yes 💿 No		
4.7 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each	1		
Do you require an Assets test ?	O Yes 💿 No		
Do you give priority in eligibility to :			
Elderly?	O Yes 💿 No		
Disabled?	O Yes O No		
Young Children?	C Yes O No		
Households with high energy burdens?	O Yes 💿 No		
Other?	O Yes O No		
In Order to receive crisis assistance:			
Must the household have received a shut-off notice or have a near empty tank?	• Yes O No		
Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?	⊙ Yes ONo		
Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?	C Yes O No		
	1		

Must renters with heating costs received an eviction notice ?	included in their rent have	O Yes O No
Must heating/cooling be medically necessary?		O Yes 💿 No
Must the household have non-working heating or cooling equipment?		O Yes O No
Other?		C Yes O No
Do you have additional / differing elig	gibility policies for:	
Renters?		C Yes 💿 No
Renters living in subsidized hou	ising?	C Yes 💿 No
Renters with utilities included in	n the rent?	O Yes O No
Explanations of policies for each "yes	" checked above:	
 An active cut-off notice (within 72 hot Option to restore service (within 5 bus Refusal notice to deliver additional fue 	iness days of cut off)	
Determination of Benefits		
4.8 How do you handle crisis situation	ns?	
Separate of	component	
Fast Trac	k	
Other - De	escribe:	
4.9 If you have a separate component		mas hanofita?
	o resolve the crisis.	
Other - De	escribe:	
• Yes O No Explain.		re geographically accessible to all households in the area to be served?
We go to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ind	ian Community Centers and have 2 sa	tellite offices located in the northern and southern regions.
4.11 Do you provide individuals who	are physically disabled the means to	:
Submit applications for crisis benef	fits without leaving their homes?	
• Yes O No If No, explain.		
	tions for crisis assistance are accepte	ed?
C Yes 💿 No If No, explain.		
If you answered "No" to both options disabled? We will send an Energy Intake Specialis		ernative means of intake to those who are homebound or physically y unable to make it to the site/office.
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)		
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit fo	r each type of crisis assistance offere	ed
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maxin	num benefit	
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maxin	num benefit	
Year-round Crisis \$450.00 ma	ximum benefit	
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blan	kets, space heaters, fans) and/or oth	er forms of benefits?
C Yes O No If yes, Describe		
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?		
O Yes 💿 No		
I		

If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you must complete question 4.15. 4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s) of assistance provided.			
	Winter Crisis	Summer Crisis	Year-round Crisis
Heating system repair			
Heating system replacement			
Cooling system repair			
Cooling system replacement			
Wood stove purchase			
Pellet stove purchase			
Solar panel(s)			
Utility poles / gas line hook-ups			
Other (Specify):			
4.16 Do any of the utility vendors you work with enforce a moratorium on shut offs?			
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to a	question 4.1'	7.
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.			

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	Sect	ion 5: WEATHEI	RIZATION ASSISTANCE	
Eligibility, 2605((c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assur	rance 2		
5.1 Designate the	e income eligibility threshol	d used for the Weatheriza	tion component	
Add	Househo	old Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1				0.00%
5.2 Do you enter No	· into an interagency agreen	nent to have another gover	rnment agency administer a WEATHERIZ	ATION component? O Yes
5.3 If yes, name	the agency.			
5.4 Is there a sep	parate monitoring protocol	for weatherization? Ć Ye	s O _{No}	
WEATHERIZA	TION - Types of Rules			
5.5 Under what	rules do you administer LII	HEAP weatherization? (C	heck only one.)	
Entirely u	nder LIHEAP (not DOE) r	ules		
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules				
Mostly un	Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply):			
	ome Threshold			i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are eligible				
units or will become eligible within 180 days Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional				
care facilities).	er - Describe:			
Mostly un	der DOE WAP rules, with t	the following LIHEAP rule	e(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply.)
Inco	me Threshold			
Wea	therization not subject to D	OE WAP maximum state	wide average cost per dwelling unit.	
Wea	therization measures are n	ot subject to DOE Savings	to Investment Ration (SIR) standards.	
	er - Describe:			
Eligibility, 2605((b)(5) - Assurance 5			
	ire an assets test?	O Yes O No		
	additional/differing eligibil			
Renters		O Yes O No		
	ving in subsidized	O Yes O No		
8	priority in eligibility to:	I		
Elderly?		O Yes O No		
Disabled?		O Yes O No		

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Young Children?	O Yes O No	
House holds with high energy burdens?	O Yes O No	
Other?	O Yes O No	
If you selected "Yes" for any of the optic below.	ons in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, yo	u must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field
Benefit Levels		
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP w	eatherization benefit/expenditure	per household? C Yes C No
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0		
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D))	
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measurements of the second	sures do you provide ? (Check all	categories that apply.)
Weatherization needs assessment	s/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/ rep	pairs	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.		

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Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - A	Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure th available:	at eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance
Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of ag	ing, 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 avai	lability 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 a	essistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices t	to perform outreach to target groups.
Other (specify):	
Attend community resource fairs.	
If any of the above questions require further explanation of fields provided, attach a document with said explanation if	

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	Section 7: Coordination, 2	605(b)(4) - Assurance 4
7.1 Dese WAP, e		with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI,
	Joint application for multiple programs	
~	Intake referrals to/from other programs	
	One - stop intake centers	
	Other - Describe:	
	of the above questions require further explanation provided, attach a document with said explanation	

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Sec	tion 8: Agency Designation,		Assurance 6 (th of Puerto R	· 1	te grantees and the	
8.1 How	would you categorize the primary response	sibility of your State	agency?			
	Administration Agency					
	Commerce Agency					
	Community Services Agency					
	Energy / Environment Agency					
	Housing Agency					
	Welfare Agency					
	Other - Describe:					
	Alternate Outreach and Intake, 2605(b)(15) - Assurance 15 If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.					
8.2 How	8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?					
8.3 How	8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?					
8.4 How	8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?					
8.5 LIH	3.5 LIHEAP Component Administration. Heating Cooling Crisis Weatherization					
8.5a Wh	o determines client eligibility?					
	o processes benefit payments to gas and vendors?					
8.5c who vendors	o processes benefit payments to bulk fuel ?					
8.5d Wh measure	to performs installation of weatherization es?					
-	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?						

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

8.7 How	many local administering agencies do you use?				
8.8 Have O Yes O No	8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?				
8.9 If so,	why?				
	Agency was in noncompliance with grantee requirements for LIHEAP -				
	Agency is under criminal investigation				
	Added agency				
	Agency closed				
	Other - describe				
	of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the 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?	
Heating O Yes O No	
Cooling • Yes O No	
Crisis • Yes O No	
Are there exceptions? O Yes O No	_
If yes, Describe.	_
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? We mail an approval letter to the client when payment is authorized. The letter explains the amount of assistance, the name of the vendor.	
9.3 How do you assure that the home energy supplier will charge the eligible household, in the normal billing process, the difference between th actual cost of the home energy and the amount of the payment? When the approval letter is sent to the client, the client can verifiy the payment has been posted to their account. If there are any problems, the client contacts Social Services and we work directly with the vendor on any issues.	e
9.4 How do you assure that no household receiving assistance under this title will be treated adversely because of their receipt of LIHEAP assistance?	
Funding Source of the assistance is not divulged to vendor.	
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?	
If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.	
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fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.	

Section 10 - Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) - Assurance 10 August 1987, revised 05/92,02/95,03/96,12/98,11/01 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OMB Clearance No.: 0970-0075 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Expiration Date: 09/30/2020 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(LIHEAP) MODEL PLAN SF - 424 - MANDATORY Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10) 10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds? Payments are processed in a database tracking all payments. Payments are reviewed and approved by Supervisor and Program Manager. Finance processes payments and monitors budget amounts. Staff reconcile budget with Finance. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is subject to annual audits performed by an independent auditing firm. Audit Process 10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133? • Yes O No 10.3. Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring assessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency from the most recently audited fiscal year. No Findings 🗹 Finding **Brief Summary** Resolved? Action Taken Туре 1 10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies What types of annual audit requirements do you have in place for local administering agencies/district offices? Select all that apply. Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133 Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit (other than A-133) Local agencies/district offices' A-133 or other independent audits are reviewed by Grantee as part of compliance process. Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices **Compliance Monitoring** 10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: Select all that apply Grantee employees: ~ Internal program review ~ Departmental oversight ~ Secondary review of invoices and payments ~ Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe: The program is monitored at various levels before payments are processed. The first level is verification of non-duplication and reviewing the eligibility criteria, benefit amount and non-duplication. Coordination with DHS and the three tribal towns occur at this level. Once application is complete and all

The program is monitored at various levels before payments are processed. The first level is verification of non-duplication and reviewing the eligibility criteria, benefit amount and non-duplication. Coordination with DHS and the three tribal towns occur at this level. Once application is complete and all non-duplication is verified, the supervisors review the application in its entirety (complete application, required documentation, income, and utility bill) for over all accuracy. The application is then authorized for payment. The Manager submits the document to the Finance Department for payment. The data is then recorded as paid.

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?

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 of your LIHEAP plan? Select all that apply.
Tribal Council meeting(s)
Public Hearing(s)
Draft Plan posted to website and available for comment
Hard copy of plan is available for public view and comment
Comments from applicants are recorded
Request for comments on draft Plan is advertised
Stakeholder consultation meeting(s)
Comments are solicited during outreach activities
Other - Describe:
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation? No comments/suggestions received. Will consider future comments if received.
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Only
11.3 List the date and location(s) that you held public hearing(s) on the proposed use and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?
Date Event Description
11.4. How many parties commented on your plan at the hearing(s)?
11.5 Summarize the comments you received at the hearing(s).
11.6 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments received at the public hearing(s)?
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Section 12 - Fair Hearings, 2605(b)(13) - Assurance 13

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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?

No changes.

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

Once the Social Services Office receives an application, it will be considered pending until all required documents are received or up to 30 days, whichever comes first. After 30 days, the application will be denied. All required documentation must be received in order for eligibility to be determined. In the event of denial, if the applicant feels the decision of the Social Services staff is in error, he/she may file a written appeal within 10 days from the date on the letter of denial. The Human Services Director will review and forward the appeal letter to an Appeals Team for review and a decision will be made within 10 days from receiving the appeal letter. All decisions will be based according to Tribal and Federal Law, and the program policy and procedures.

12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

At the time of application, the right to appeal a decision is provided in writing on the LIHEAP application. Additionally, all applicants are informed of these rights on all denial letters. This is done within approximately 45 days.

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

If a client feels the application was not acted on in a timely manner, he or she may appeal this action following the same guidelines previously stated for the denials.

12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

At the time of application the right to appeal a decision is provided in writing on the LIHEAP application. In addition when the client speaks with a Social Worker, Supervisor or Manager they are informed of their right to a 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?

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

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

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

13.5 How many households applied for these services?

13.6 How many households received these services?

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)					
14.1 Do you p O Yes O N		ation for the leveraging incent	ive program?		
14.2 Describe instructions to any third parties and/or local agencies for submitting LIHEAP leveraging resource information and retaining records.					
NA	NA				
14.3 For each describe the fo		r benefit to be leveraged in the	e upcoming year that will meet the requirements of 45 C.F.R. \hat{A} § 96.87(d)(2)(iii),		
Resource	What is the type of resource or benefit ?	What is the source(s) of the resource ?	How will the resource be integrated and coordinated with LIHEAP?		
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Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

Section	15	- Training
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Section 15: Tr	aining		
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:			
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 the fields provided, attach 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.

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	Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)				
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms					
	le to the public for reporting cases of	suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. So	elect all that apply.		
Online Fraud Reportin	g				
Dedicated Fraud Repor	ting Hotline				
Report directly to local	agency/district office or Grantee offic	ce			
Report to State Inspect	or General or Attorney General				
Forms and procedures	in place for local agencies/district offi	ces and vendors to report fraud, wast	te, and abuse		
Other - Describe:					
	dvertising the above-referenced resou	urces. Select all that apply			
Printed outreach mater	ials				
Addressed on LIHEAP	application				
Website					
Other - Describe:					
17.2. Identification Documentation	Requirements				
a. Indicate which of the following f members.	orms of identification are required or	requested to be collected from LIHE	AP applicants or their household		
Collected from Whom?					
Type of Identification Collected					
	Applicant Only	All Adults in Household	All Household Members		
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained	Required	Required	Required		
photocopied and retained	Requested	Requested	Requested		
	Required	Required	Required		
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)					
	Requested	Requested	Requested		
	Required	Required	Required		
Government-issued identification card					
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)	Requested	Requested	Requested		
1110ai 119, passport, ctc.)					
		1 1			

	Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Household Required	All Adults in Household Requested	All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested
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b. I	Describe any exceptions to the above	e policies.					
Ηοι	sehold members who don't have a go	vernment-issued iden	ntification card may	y submit a birth cer	tificate in lieu.		
17.	3 Identification Verification						
De app	scribe what methods are used to ver ly	rify the authenticity	of identification of	locuments provide	ed by clients or hou	sehold members.	Select all that
	Verify SSNs with Social Securi	ty Administration					
	Match SSNs with death records	s from Social Secur	ity Administration	n or state agency			
	Match SSNs with state eligibilit	ty/case managemen	t system (e.g., SNA	AP, TANF)			
	Match with state Department of	of Labor system					
	Match with state and/or federa	l corrections system	1				
	Match with state child support	system					
	Verification using private softw	vare (e.g., The Worl	k Number)				
•	In-person certification by staff	(for tribal grantees	only)				
	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal database	e or enrollment re	cords (for tribal g	rantees only)		
	Other - Describe:						
17.	4. Citizenship/Legal Residency Ver	ification					
	nat are your procedures for ensurin hat apply.	g that household m	embers are U.S. ci	itizens or aliens w	ho are qualified to 1	receive LIHEAP b	enefits? Select
	Clients sign an attestation of c	titizenship or legal ı	residency				
•	Client's submission of Social S	Security cards is acc	epted as proof of	legal residency			
	Noncitizens must provide doc	umentation of immi	gration status				
	Citizens must provide a copy	of their birth certifi	cate, naturalizatio	on papers, or pass	port		
	Noncitizens are verified throu	gh the SAVE system	n				
•	Z Tribal members are verified t	hrough Tribal enro	llment records/Tr	ibal ID card			
	Other - Describe:						
17.	5. Income Verification						
WI	nat methods does your agency utiliz	e to verify househol	d income? Select	all that apply.			
•	Require documentation of inco	me for all adult hou	sehold members				
	Pay stubs						
	Social Security award le	etters					
	Bank statements						
	Tax statements						
	Zero-income statements						
	Unemployment Insuran	ce letters					
	Other - Describe:						
For	For self-employed individuals we require an income ledger.						
Cur	Current (dated within assistance season) zero-income statements from other Tribal programs will be accepted.						
•	Computer data matches:						
	Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)						
	Proof of unemployment	benefits verified wi	th state Departme	ent of Labor			

Social Security income verified with SSA
Utilize state directory of new hires
Other - Describe:
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
Other - Describe:
17.7. Verifying the Authenticity
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.
All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
Grantee and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.
Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
Applicants must submit current utility bill
Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
Account ownership
Consumption
Balances
Payment history
Account is properly credited with benefit
Other - Describe:
Data exchange with utility companies discussing balances are conducted for processing Crisis applications.
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
Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and unitenness of payments made to unities

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

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Section 18: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

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

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.BrBbr.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment,

Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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

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

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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

Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

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

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

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.

4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.

5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously

identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

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

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

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

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

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals) The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:,

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about -- (1)The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice,

including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f)Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

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

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services
<u>* Address Line 1</u>

_ Address Line

2971 N. Wood Dr. Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Okmulgee	OK	74447
<u>*</u> City	<u>*</u> State	<u>*</u> 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

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).