#### **DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)**

**Program Name:** Low Income Home Energy Assistance **Grantee Name:** South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

**Report Name:** DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP) Revision # 2

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### **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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* a. Legal Nar	ne: Soutl	h Puget Intertr	ibal Planning	g Agency						
* b. Employer 49	/Taxpayo	er Identificati	ion Number	(EIN/TIN	): 91-10652	* c. Or	ganizational D	UNS: 11420	3029	
* d. Address:										
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Prefix:	* First N Debbie				Middle Name	* Last Name: Gardipee-Reyes				
Suffix:	Title: LIHEA	P Coordinator	ſ		Organization SPIPA	aal Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number: 360-426-39 90	Fax Nui	nber			* Email: gardipee@sp	nipa.org				
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11. Descriptive SPIPA Low-I		Applicant's I ome Energy A		ogram						
12. Areas Affe Chehalis, Nise gton State			, Skokomish	, Squaxin I	sland Tribal Re	servation	s; Mason, Gray	ys Harbor, Lew	is, Thurston, Pacific Counties, Washin	
13. CONGRES		L DISTRICT	S OF:							
* a. Applicant	: 					<b>b. Program/Project:</b> 03; 06; 10				
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.										

14. FUNDING PERIOD:	15	15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:						
a. Start Date: 10/01/2021	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2022  * a. Federal (\$): 09/30/2022  * b. Match (\$): 09/30/2022							
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT T	O REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXEC	CUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?						
a. This submission was made ava	ilable to the State under the Executive (	Order 12372						
Process for Review on :								
b. Program is subject to E.O. 123	372 but has not been selected by State fo	r 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	my knowledge. I also provide the requi ny false, fictitious, or fraudulent stateme	e list of certifications** and (2) that the statem red assurances** and agree to comply with any ents or claims may subject me to criminal, civil	y resulting terms if I					
** The list of certifications and assu specific instructions.	rances, or an internet site where you ma	y obtain this list, is contained in the announcer	ment or agency					
	tle of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code, number a	and extension)					
Debbie Gardipee-Reyes, LIHEAP Coordinator		18d. Email Address gardipee@spipa.org						
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official		18e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 10/18/2021						

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

#### **Section 1 - Program Components**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES **ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** 

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

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20201

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THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)Use of this model plan is optional. However, the information requested is req uired 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 fo r reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or

#### sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. **Section 1 Program Components** Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. **Dates of Operation** (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.) Start Date **End Date** Heating assistance 10/01/2021 09/30/2022 Cooling assistance 10/01/2021 09/30/2022 Crisis assistance Weatherization assistance Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16 1.2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages Percentage ( % ) must add up to 100% 68 00% Heating assistance Cooling assistance 0.00% 22.00% Crisis assistance 0.00% Weatherization assistance Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 0.00% Administrative and planning costs 10.00% 0.00% Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) Used to develop and implement leveraging activities 0.00% 100.00% TOTAL Alternate Use of Crisis Assistance Funds, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to: V Heating assistance Cooling assistance

Weatherization assistance				T	Other (specify:)				
Categorical Eligibility, 2605(b)(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(8A) - Assurance 8									
1.4 Do you consider households categorically eligible if one household member receives one of the following categories of benefits in the left column below?  Yes No									
If you answered "Yes" to question 1.4, you must complete the table below and answer questions 1.5 and 1.6.									
Heating Cooling Crisis Weatherization									
TANF		⊙	Yes O No	C	Yes 🖸 No	⊙	Yes O No	C	Yes 💽 No
SSI		•	Yes O No	C	Yes 🖸 No	⊙	Yes O No	C	Yes 💽 No
SNAP		0	Yes 💽 No	C	Yes 🖸 No	С	Yes 💽 No	С	Yes 💽 No
Means-tested Veter	ans Programs	0	Yes 💽 No	C	Yes 🖸 No	С	Yes 💽 No	С	Yes 💽 No
	Program Name		Heating		Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other(Specify) 1			C Yes C No	)	C Yes C No	)	C Yes C No		O Yes O No
1.5 Do you autom	natically enroll households withou	ut a dir	ect annual applic	cation	? O Yes O No				
If Yes, explain:									
	nsure there is no difference in the g eligibility and benefit amounts?		nent of categoric	ally e	ligible households	s fron	a those not receiv	ing o	ther public assistance
•	e required to submit an application		nonstrates the hot	usehol	d meets the incom	ie qua	lifications to be eli	igible	for benefits.
CNAD Nominal D	laanta								
SNAP Nominal P		l.ma	4 P CNIA I	2 1: 200	1 11:9 O V.	G <sub>IN</sub>		—	
	ate LIHEAP funds toward a non "Yes" to question 1.7a, you must								
	Vominal Assistance: \$0.00	provide	à a response to q	uesuo	/ns 1./b, 1./c, and	l 1./u	•		
1.7c Frequency of	·								
Inc rrequiring :	Once Per Year					_			
	Once every five years			—		—		—	
	Other - Describe:								
1.7d How do you	confirm that the household recei	iving a r	nominal paymen	t has	an energy cost or	need	?		
				—		—			
Determination of	Eligibility - Countable Income								
1.8. In determini	ng a household's income eligibilit	tv for L	IHEAP, do vou t	use gr	oss income or net	f inco	me ?		
Gross Incom		y 101	Hizir, do joe .	130 8-	JSS IIICOIIIC J	, mes-	nc .		
Net Income	;								
	applicable forms of countable in	come us	ed to determine	a hou	isehold's income	eligib	ility for LIHEAP		
Wages									
Self - Empl	oyment Income								
Contract In	icome			_					
								_	
Payments f	rom mortgage or Sales Contracts	s							
<b>V</b> Unemployn	ment insurance			—		—			
Onempio,	lent mourance								
Strike Pay									
Social Secu	rity Administration (SSA ) benef	fits							
To the		. 11-	25 201.1	****					
Inclu- tion	ding MediCare deduc	ccluding	g MediCare dedu	ıctıon					
Supplemen	tal Security Income (SSI )								
Supplemental Security Moonie (SSI)									

<b>~</b>	Retirement / pension benefits
	Consult Assistance have file
>	General Assistance benefits
<b>&gt;</b>	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
<b>~</b>	Income from employment through Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
	Income from work study programs
~	Alimony
<b>~</b>	Child support
	Interest, dividends, or royalties
	Commissions
	Legal settlements
	Insurance payments made directly to the insured
	Insurance payments made specifically for the repayment of a bill, debt, or estimate
<b>~</b>	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


#### **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						
1	All Household Sizes		State Median Income		60.00%		
2.2 Do you have EATING ASSIT	additional eligibility requirements for H ANCE?	<b>⊙</b> Yes	O <sub>No</sub>				
2.3 Check the ap	propriate boxes below and describe the p	olicies for	each.				
Do you require a	nn Assets test ?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Do you have add	litional/differing eligibility policies for:						
Renters?		CYes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Renters Li	ving in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	<b>⊙</b> No				
Renters wi	th utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>				
Do you give prio	rity in eligibility to:						
Elderly?		<b>⊙</b> Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Disabled?		Yes	O <sub>No</sub>				
Young chil	ldren?	Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Household	s with high energy burdens ?	CYes	⊙ <sub>No</sub>				
Other? Tr	ibal membership or home location	Yes	C <sub>No</sub>				
Explanations of	policies for each "yes" checked above:	,					
1. Eligibil	ity Requirements						
	nalify by income, service area, and Tribal enunts must live within the SPIPA consortium						
eligibility	and the level of benefit each household will	receive. T	HEAP Benefit Matrix that is used by SPIPA LIF the SPIPA LIHEAP Benefit Matrix indicates the tals or children under the age of 2 will receive an	income eligi	bility for household		
Determination of	f Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(	c)(1)(B)					
2.4 Describe how	y you prioritize the provision of heating as	ssistance to	ovulnerable populations, e.g., benefit amounts	, early appli	cation periods, etc.		
Th	e SPIPA LIHEAP matrix ensures that those	who are m	nost in need of services are provided the highest	benefit amou	nt.		
2.5 Check the va	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Cl	heck all that apply):				
<b>✓</b> Income							
Family (hor	usehold) size						
<b>✓</b> Home energy cost or need:							
Fuel type							
Clin	nate/region						
✓ Indi	vidual bill						
Dwe	elling type						
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)							

Energy need								
Other - Describe:								
Individuals must live within the SPIPA service area of Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Pacific and Pierce Counties in western Washingto n State.								
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance	Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for	the fiscal year for which this pl	an applies						
Minimum Benefit	\$285	Maximum Benefit		\$1,000				
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blanke	ets, space heaters) and/or other f	forms of benefits? O Yes O No						
If yes, describe.								
If any of the above question	If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in							

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

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	Section 3 - Cooling Assistance							
Eligibility, 2605(c	Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2							
3.1 Designate The	e income eligibility threshold used for the	Cooling o	component:					
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Thresho	ld			
1					0.00%			
3.2 Do you have a OOLING ASSIT.	additional eligibility requirements for C ANCE?	C Yes	C No					
3.3 Check the app	propriate boxes below and describe the po	olicies for	each.					
Do you require a	n Assets test ?	C Yes	O No					
Do you have addi	tional/differing eligibility policies for:							
Renters?		C Yes						
Renters Liv	ving in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Renters wit	th utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Do you give prior	rity in eligibility to:							
Elderly?		C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Disabled?		C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Young child	dren?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Households	s with high energy burdens ?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>					
Other?		C Yes	O No					
Explanations of p	policies for each "yes" checked above:							
3.4 Describe how	you prioritize the provision of cooling as	sistance to	ovulnerable populations,e.g., benefit am	ounts, early application perio	ds, etc.			
Determination of	Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c	e)(1)(B)						
3.5 Check the var	riables you use to determine your benefit	levels. (Cl	neck all that apply):					
Income								
Family (hou	sehold) size							
Home energ	gy cost or need:							
Fuel	type							
Clim	ate/region							
Indiv	vidual bill							
Dwelling type								
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)								
Energy need								
Other - Describe:								
				"				
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)								

3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for the fiscal year for which this plan applies  Minimum Benefit \$0 Maximum Benefit \$0								
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, a	ir conditioners) and/or other for	ms of benefits? O Yes O No						
If yes, describe.								
	If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.							

#### **Section 4 - CRISIS ASSISTANCE**

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	Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE							
Eligibility - 2604(c), 2605(c)(1)(A)								
4.1 Designate th	e income eligibility threshold used for the crisis com	ponent						
Add	Add Household size Eligibility Guideline Eligibility Threshold							
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%					
4.2 Provide you	r LIHEAP program's definition for determining a cr	isis.						
C	risis- A crisis case can be made for one of the following	situations:						
	1. the family is unable to pay for both a family member's medical needs and the family's heating bill, or 2. there is a small child or small children living in the home with no heat.							
4.3 What consti	tutes a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>							
	Life threatening Crisis- A life-threatening crisis is one in which clients must use medical equipment such as, but not limited to, home dial ysis or home oxygen equipment, which requires electricity in order to maintain their lives and the households have received a shut-off notice.							
Crisis Requiren								
	many hours do you provide an intervention that will							
4.5 Within how s? 3Hours	many hours do you provide an intervention that will	resolve the energy crisis for eligible househ	olds in life-threatening situation					
Crisis Eligibility	7, 2605(c)(1)(A)							
4.6 Do you have ANCE?	additional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSI	ST Yes No						
4.7 Check the a	ppropriate boxes below and describe the policies for	each						
Do you require	an Assets test ?	C Yes O No						
Do you give pric	ority in eligibility to :	-						
Elderly?		€ Yes C No						
Disabled?		⊙ Yes ○ No						
Young Ch	ildren?	⊙ Yes ○ No						
Household	ds with high energy burdens?	C Yes O No						
Other?		O Yes ⊙ No						
In Order to reco	eive crisis assistance:							
Must the lempty tank?	household have received a shut-off notice or have a n	ear Yes O No						
Must the l	Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?  \[\text{\$\tilde{\text{Yes}}\$ \cdot{\tilde{\text{\$\tilde{\text{No}}}}\]							
Must the	household have exhausted their regular heating bene	fit? C Yes O No						
Must rent ed an eviction n	ers with heating costs included in their rent have recotice ?	eiv C Yes O No						
Must heat	ing/cooling be medically necessary?	C Yes ⊙ No						
Must the l	household have non-working heating or cooling equi	pm C Yes O No						
Other?		C Yes ⊙ No						
Do you have add	ditional / differing eligibility policies for:	4t						

Renters?				<b>⊙</b> No			
Renters living in subsidized housing?		O Yes				$\dashv$	
e e						$\blacksquare$	
	Renters with utilities included in the rent?						
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked a	ibove:						
Crisis Assistance  When a crisis call or walk-in client at A Community Resources Programs Manager wer (e.g., home dialysis or breathing equipm s may accept a crisis application, and then it is required to provide documentation that the arch 15 will be reallocated to Heating Assist	r. A request for nent), the reque can be faxed on ey have receive	r assistance i est is expedit or scanned/er	s processed and as	sed. If the crisis ssistance is offer the SPIPA Con	is time critical because red immediately. Tribal- nmunity Resources Prog	a condition that requi- based program service grams Manager. Each	ires po ce site client
Determination of Benefits							
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?							
	parate compo	nent					
<u> </u>	st Track						
	ther - Describ	۵۰					$\dashv$
				e. 0			
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you				fits?			
	nount to reso		•				
Ot	ther - Describ	e:					
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)							
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis	assistance at	sites that are	e geogra	nhically access	ible to all households i	n the area to be serv	/ed?
<b>⊙</b> Yes <b>○</b> No <b>Explain.</b>			88	F			-
2 Tes 2 No Explain							_
Tribal sites may accept crisis applica			xed or sc	anned and emai	iled to the LIHEAP Pro	ect Coordinator.	
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physical							
Submit applications for crisis benefits without	leaving their	homes?					
Yes No If No, explain.			10				
Travel to the sites at which applications for cri	isis assistance	are accepte	u.				
Yes No If No, explain.  If you answered "No" to both options in question	1 1 1 nlesse	evnlain alter	native n	nagns of intaks	to those who are hom	shound or physically	v dica
bled?	1 4.11, picasc	expiani aitei	nauve n	ileans of ilitake	to those who are nom-	ebound of physicany	y uisa
Transportation to the site is provid coordinators in order for clients to submit		-	-	-	nunity health represen	tatives or Elder's Se	rvices
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)							
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type	of crisis assis	tance offere	d.				
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefi	t						
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit	t						
Year-round Crisis \$1,000.00 maximum be	enefit						
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space	heaters, fans	and/or oth	er forms	of benefits?			
Yes • No If yes, Describe							
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or rep	lacement usin	o cricic fund	ls?				
Yes No	meement usii	e crass tuile					
If you answered "Yes" to question 4.14, you mus	t complete au	estion 4.15.					
4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate t			ded				
The Check appropriate boxes below to indicate t	Winter C	Summer		ound Crisis			
	risis	Crisis	ı car-r	Junu 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 en	nforce a moi	ratorium on	shut offs?				
C Yes No							
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must	respond to	question 4.1	7.				
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.							
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.							

#### Section 5 - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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### **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 0.00% 5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreement to have another government agency administer a WEATHERIZATION component? C Yes 5.3 If yes, name the agency. 5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for weatherization? O Yes WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules 5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIHEAP weatherization? (Check only one.) Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rules Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEAP) rules Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the following DOE WAP rule(s) where LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that apply): Income Threshold Weatherization of entire multi-family housing structure is permitted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit buildings) are 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 5.6 Do you require an assets test? O Yes O No 5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for : O Yes O No Renters living in subsidized housin O Yes O No 5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to: Elderly? O Yes O No Disabled? O Yes O No O Yes O No Young Children? House holds with high energy burde O Yes O No ns? Other? O Yes O No

If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, ow.	you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field bel		
Benefit Levels			
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditu	rre per household? O Yes O No		
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0			
Types of Assistance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)			
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide ? (Check all categories that apply.)			
Weatherization needs assessments/audits	Energy related roof repair		
Caulking and insulation	Major appliance Repairs		
Storm windows	Major appliance replacement		
Furnace/heating system modifications/ repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors		
Furnace replacement	Doors		
Cooling system modifications/ repairs	Water Heater		
Water conservation measures	Cooling system replacement		
Compact florescent light bulbs	Other - Describe:		
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### Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A) 6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance a 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-inco me programs. V Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups. Other (specify):

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

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

	7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SS I, WAP, etc.).		
	Joint application for multiple programs		
>	Intake referrals to/from other programs		
	One - stop intake centers		
\ \	Other - Describe:		

#### OUTREACH AND COORDINATION

The Tribal LIHEAP Program conducts outreach activities to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance avail able as follows:

- · Places posters/flyers in local Tribal-based program service sites (e.g., social services offices, family and community services offices, etc.)
- · Publishes articles in local Tribal newspapers
- · Informs low-income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs

The Tribal LIHEAP Program is administered through the SPIPA Community Resources cluster which also administers WIC, and other lo w-income serving programs. The department coordinates client services to assure that daycare providers, foster home providers, and families in ne ed of assistance are included in the Tribal LIHEAP Program outreach.

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

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:				
8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?  8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?  8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?					
8.5 LIH	IEAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
	ho determines client eligibility?	Ü			
8.5b W	ho processes benefit payments to gas and e vendors?				
	8.5c who processes benefit payments to bulk fuel vendors?				
	8.5d Who performs installation of weatherization measures?				
If any of your LIHEAP components are not centrally-administered by a state agency, you must complete questions 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, and, if applicable, 8.9.					
8.6 What is your process for selecting local administering agencies?					
8.7 How many local administering agencies do you use?					
	8.8 Have you changed any local administering agencies in the last year?  C Yes				

C No	C <sub>No</sub>		
8.9 If s	50, 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 O Yes O No Cooling Yes ○ No Crisis Are there exceptions? Yes No If yes, Describe. 9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid? Clients are notified via the United States Postal Service, telephone calls, and/or personal visits as appropriate. 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? SPIPA executes Vendor Agreements with all home energy suppliers. All of the Vendor Agreements include an assurance on the part of the vendor that they will abide by all LIHEAP requirements, including requirements surrounding billing. 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 The Vendor Agreements contain an assurance by the vendor that households receiving LIHEAP assistance will be treated no differently th an non-LIHEAP eligible houselholds. 9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible household Yes 💽 No If so, describe the measures unregulated vendors may take.

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)				
10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds?  LIHEAP funds are tracked by the SPIPA fiscal department staff who continuously monitor expenditures and who issue monthly budget reports to the Community Resources Program Manager. Annually, all fiscal records of the agency are audited by an outside accounting firm. SPIPA routinely passes these audits without findings or exceptions.				
Audit Process				
10.2. Is your LIHEAP program audited annually under the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A - 133?  • Yes □ No				
10.3. Describe any audit findings rising to the level of material weakness or reportable condition cited in the A-133 audits, Grantee monitoring as sessments, inspector general reviews, or other government agency reviews of the LIHEAP agency from the most recently audited fiscal year.				
No Findings 🗹				
Finding Type Brief Summary Resolved? Action Taken				
1				
10.4. Audits of Local Administering Agencies  What types of annual audit requirements do you have in place for local administering agencies/district offices?				
Select all that apply.				
Local agencies/district offices are required to have an annual audit in compliance with Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133				
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				
<b>✓</b> Departmental oversight				
Secondary review of invoices and payments				
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:				
Local Administering Agencies / District Offices:				
On - site evaluation				
Annual program review				
Monitoring through central database				
Desk reviews				
Client File Testing / Sampling				

Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:
10.6 Explain, or attach a copy of your local agency monitoring schedule and protocol.
N/A
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:
N/A
Desk Reviews:
N/A
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored ?
N/A
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL
None
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL
None
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues?
10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues?
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Section 11: Timely	and Meaningful Public Part	ticipation, 2605(b)(12), 2605(C)(2)		
11.1 How did you obtain input from the Select all that apply.	e public in the development of your LIHEAP	P plan?		
Tribal Council meeting(s)				
Public Hearing(s)				
Draft Plan posted to website a	and available for comment			
Hard copy of plan is available	e for public view and comment			
Comments from applicants a	e recorded			
Request for comments on dra	ft Plan is advertised			
Stakeholder consultation mee	ting(s)			
Comments are solicited durin	g outreach activities			
Other - Describe:				
e feedback on the service and both wsletters and websites to answer of	¥ 0			
Public Hearings, 2605(a)(2) - For State	s and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Onl	ıly		
11.3 List the date and location(s) that y	ou held public hearing(s) on the proposed us	se and distribution of your LIHEAP funds?		
	Date	Event Description		
1	08/11/2021 LIHEAP plan was posted on the SPIPA website with comment form			
11.4. How many parties commented on	your plan at the hearing(s)? 0			
11.5 Summarize the comments you reco	eived at the hearing(s).			
N/A				
11.6 What changes did you make to you	ır LIHEAP plan as a result of the comments	s received at the public hearing(s)?		
None				
	ns require further explanation a document with said explanat	n or clarification that could not be made in tion here.		

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

12.1 How many fair hearings did the grantee have in the prior Federal fiscal year? 0

12.2 How many of those fair hearings resulted in the initial decision being reversed?  $\,0\,$ 

12.3 Describe any policy and/or procedural changes made in the last Federal fiscal year as a result of fair hearings?

None

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

Denial of Benefits and Right to Appeal

- Applicants who are denied are notified of their right to a hearing when the Community Resources Programs Manager sends them an Applicatio
  n Denial letter. This letter is sent via certified mail no later than two weeks after the submission of the application.
- If individual/household feels the denial decision is provided in error, a grievance can be formally filed within 30 days by requesting, via a writte
  n letter, a second review of that individual's/household's case. Further review is to be done, ideally, in person in the Community Resources Pro
  grams Manager's office to review the application for the purposes of correcting any possible data input errors in the file. The Community Resou
  rces Programs Manager will also provide education to the individual/family on how the determination was made.
- Denial hearings, when necessary, are held at the Intertribal Professional Center on the Squaxin Island Reservation and are presided over by the SPIPA Executive Director.
- · A copy of all correspondence is placed in the applicants program file.

#### 12.5 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

Applicants are advised of their right to a Fair Hearing both at the time of application and in the Application Denial Letter that is mailed to t hem as soon as possible following that determination.

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

These applications are handled in the same manner as the general Fair Hearing. This type of hearing has not occured at SPIPA. H owever, the Fair Hearing will be conducted in the same manner as the general Fair Hearing with evidence of the untimely action provide d to the Community Resources Program Manager, which will count in the favor of the client.

#### 12.7 When and how are applicants informed of these rights?

The applicants are advised of their right to a Fair Hearing at the time of application and in the Application Denial Letter.

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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?
SPIPA does not use LIHEAP funds to provide energy reducing services.
13.2 How do you ensure that you don't use more than 5% of your LIHEAP funds for these activities?
N/A
13.3 Describe the impact of such activities on the number of households served in the previous Federal fiscal year.
N/A
13.4 Describe the level ofdirect benefitsprovided to those households in the previous Federal fiscal year.
N/A
13.5 How many households applied for these services? 0
13.6 How many households received these services? 0
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#### 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:				
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?	
If any of the above questions require further explanation of the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation.	

#### 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.

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)								
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms								
a. Describe all mechanisms availab	ble to the public for reporting cases of	suspected waste, fraud, and abuse. S	elect all that apply.					
Online Fraud Reportin	Online Fraud Reporting							
Dedicated Fraud Repor	Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline							
Report directly to local	Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office							
Report to State Inspect	tor General or Attorney General							
Forms and procedures	in place for local agencies/district off	ices and vendors to report fraud, was	ete, and abuse					
Other - Describe:								
All LIHEAP clients are given detailed contact information and are encouraged to report suspected LIHEAP fraud, waste or abuse to the Community Resources Programs Manager or the Executive Director. Through public meetings focused on LIHEAP issues, the greater Tribal communities have been made aware of the process and contact information required to report fraud, waste or abuse. Any reports of fraud, waste or abuse are investigated by the appropriate staff member which may include, in addition to the Community Resources Program Manager or the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, the Financial Services Director, the Planning and Development Manager or their designees as appropriate to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest and in the interest of a non-biased review of the facts.								
b. Describe strategies in place for a	b. Describe strategies in place for advertising the above-referenced resources. Select all that apply							
Printed outreach mater	rials							
Addressed on LIHEAP	application							
Website								
Other - Describe:								
The Community Reso	ources Programs Manager also goes over	er the information with the clients during	g the intake process.					
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.								
Collected from Whom?								
Type of Identification Collected  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					

	driver's license, state ID, Tri D, passport, etc.)	Requested		Requested		Requested	
	Other	Applicant Only Required	Applicant Only Requested	All Adults in Household Required	All Adults in Household Requested	All Household Members Required	All Household Members Requested
1							
b. Des	b. Describe any exceptions to the above policies.  Currently, SPIPA LIHEAP staff request a copy of the client's Social Security card and driver's license as verification of identity. For members of the household not old enough to have a driver's license, SPIPA will accept Tribal enrollment identification cards or numbers which are then verified with the appropriate Tribal enrollment office.						
	Identification Verification	** 1 About loit	0 1 1 416 41		* 11 -11to on ho	1 11 amb and	G 1 4 - H 4b o4
Desci apply	ribe what methods are used to ve	rify the authenticity	y of identification	documents provid	ded by clients or no	ousehold members	. Select all that
	Verify SSNs with Social Securi	ity Administration					
	Match SSNs with death record	ls from Social Secu	rity Administratio	n or state agency			
	Match SSNs with state eligibili	ity/case managemer	nt system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)			
	Match with state Department of	of Labor system					
	Match with state and/or federa	al corrections system	m				
	Match with state child support	t system					
	Verification using private softv	ware (e.g., The Wor	rk Number)				
	In-person certification by staff	(for tribal grantee	s only)				
>	Match SSN/Tribal ID number	with tribal databas	se or enrollment re	ecords (for tribal	grantees only)		
	Other - Describe:  SPIPA does not currently have a system in place to verify the Social Security number of clients. SPIPA is still working with the U.S. Social Security Administration Enumeration Verification System to develop a system to verify the social security numbers of LIHEAP clients and household members as appropriate.						
17.4.	Citizenship/Legal Residency Ver	rification					
	t are your procedures for ensuring at apply.			citizens or aliens v	vho are qualified to	receive LIHEAP	benefits? Select
	Clients sign an attestation of o						
<u> </u>	Client's submission of Social S			legal residency			
	Noncitizens must provide documentation of immigration status						
	Citizens must provide a copy of their birth certificate, naturalization papers, or passport						
<b>~</b>	Noncitizens are verified throu	•					
	Tribal members are verified t	through Tribai enre	ollment records/ 1	ribal ID cara			
	Other - Describe:						
	Income Verification						
	t methods does your agency utiliz	•					
<b>&gt;</b>	Require documentation of inco	ome for all adult ho	usehold members				
<u> </u>	Pay stubs  Social Security award to						
<u> </u>	Social Security award in	etters					
$\vdash$	Tax statements						
┝	Zero-income statements  Unemployment Insurance letters						
┝	Chempioyment insurum	ice letters					
	Other - Describe:  SPIPA requests copies of HEAP Program Coordinator world.						

Infants and Children program, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and Vocational Rehabilitation Programs to verify income and program eligibility.
Computer data matches:
Income information matched against state computer system (e.g., SNAP, TANF)
Proof of unemployment benefits verified with state Department of Labor
Social Security income verified with SSA
Utilize state directory of new hires
Other - Describe:
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality  Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
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:
Culti-Bestine.
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:  The SPIPA LIHEAP program does not provide payment to unregulated energy vendors. The majority of the clients served utilize electricity for heating. Local public utility districts are the only sources of electricity in the service area. The primary energy vendors paid through the SPIPA LIHEAP program are local public utility districts. The address for these is verified through a check of the Washington Public Utility District Asso ciation and other state resources. In the event that a new or unique energy provider is requested, SPIPA LIHEAP program staff research said vend or through online resources and personal contact with the vendor, either in person or over the phone. Only after the LIHEAP program staff is assured of the authenticity of the energy vendor is any payment made.
17.8. Benefits Policy - Gas and Electric Utilities
What policies are in place to protect against fraud when making benefit payments to gas and electric utilities on behalf of clients? Select all that apply.
Applicants required to submit proof of physical residency
Applicants must submit current utility bill
✓ Data exchange with utilities that verifies:
Account ownership
Consumption
Balances
Payment history
Account is properly credited with benefit
Other - Describe:
Centralized computer system/database tracks payments to all utilities

Centralized computer system automatically generates benefit level
Separation of duties between intake and payment approval
Payments coordinated among other energy assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments
Payments to utilities and invoices from utilities are reviewed for accuracy
Computer databases are periodically reviewed to verify accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
Procedures are in place to require prompt refunds from utilities in cases of account closure
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
Other - Describe:
17.9. Benefits Policy - Bulk Fuel Vendors
What procedures are in place for averting fraud and improper payments when dealing with bulk fuel suppliers of heating oil, propane, wood, a nd other bulk fuel vendors? Select all that apply.
✓ Vendors are checked against an approved vendors list
Centralized computer system/database is used to track payments to all vendors
Clients are relied on for reports of non-delivery or partial delivery
Two-party checks are issued naming client and vendor
Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
Other - Describe:
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.
Refer to state Inspector General
Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned?
Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
Other - Describe:
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)

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agence  * Address Line 1	cy	
3104 SE Old Olympic Hwy Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Shelton * City	WA * State	98584 * 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

Assurances

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

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

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

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