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

Program Name: Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Grantee Name: SMALL TRIBES

Report Name: DETAILED MODEL PLAN (LIHEAP)

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# **Mandatory Grant Application SF-424**

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				3. Applicant I	dentifier:			
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7. APPLICANT	INFORMATION							
* a. Legal Name	: Small Tribes Organizat	ion of Western Washington	n					
* b. Employer/T	Γaxpayer Identification N	Number (EIN/TIN): 91-	0844071	* c. Organizat	ional DUN	<b>VS:</b> 09-57	1-9589	)
* d. Address:								
* Street 1:	3040 96TH ST	REET SOUTH		Street 2:				
* City:	LAKEWOOD			County:				
* State:	WA			Province:				
* Country:	United States			* Zip / Post	tal Code:	98499 -		
e. Organizationa	al Unit:							
Department Na Health and Hun				Division Name: LIHEAP				
f. Name and con	ntact information of person	on to be contacted on ma	tters involving tl	nis application:				
Prefix:	* First Name: Lisa		Middle Name: A					
Suffix:	Title: LIHEAP Coordinator		Organizational Affiliation:					
* Telephone Number: (253) 589-7101 Ext. 00226	Fax Number 253-589-7117		* Email: smalltribesorg@yahoo.com					
* <b>8a. TYPE OF</b> K: Indian/Native	APPLICANT: e American Tribally Design	nated Organization						
b. Additional	Description:							
* 9. Name of Fe	deral Agency:							
			og of Federal Dom ssistance Number:				CFDA Title:	
10. CFDA Numbe	ers and Titles	93568			Low-Inco	me Home E	Energy	Assistance
11. Descriptive 'Energy Assistan	Title of Applicant's Projence	ect						
12. Areas Affect Western Washi	ted by Funding: ngton							
13. CONGRESS	SIONAL DISTRICTS OF	₹:						
* a. Applicant	a. Applicant b. Program/Project:							

10		10						
Attach an additional list of Program/Pr	oject Congressional Districts if needed.							
14. FUNDING PERIOD:		15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:						
a. Start Date: 10/01/2016	<b>b. End Date:</b> 09/30/2017	* a. Federal (\$): \$0	<b>b.</b> Match (\$): \$0					
* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO R	* 16. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?							
a. This submission was made availab	le to the State under the Executive Order	12372						
Process for Review on :								
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372	but has not been selected by State for revi	ew.						
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12	372.							
* 17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?  O YES  NO								
Explanation:								
18. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)  **I Agree								
** The list of certifications and assurance	ces, or an internet site where you may obt	ain this list, is contained in the announcem	nent or agency specific instructions.					
18a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Lisa A. Rivera	of Authorized Certifying Official	18c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) (253) 589-7101 Ext. 00226						
		<b>18d. Email Address</b> smalltribesorg@yahoo.com						
18b. Signature of Authorized Certifying	<b>18e. Date Report Submitte</b> 09/16/2016	d (Month, Day, Year)						
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.								

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

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

Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services Washington, DC 20447

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

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

#### Section 1 Program Components Program Components, 2605(a), 2605(b)(1) - Assurance 1, 2605(c)(1)(C) 1.1 Check which components you will operate under the LIHEAP program. **Dates of Operation** (Note: You must provide information for each component designated here as requested elsewhere in this plan.) **End Date Start Date** 10/01/2016 09/30/2017 Heating assistance V Cooling assistance Crisis assistance 10/01/2016 09/30/2017 V Weatherization assistance Provide further explanation for the dates of operation, if necessary Estimated Funding Allocation, 2604(C), 2605(k)(1), 2605(b)(9), 2605(b)(16) - Assurances 9 and 16 .2 Estimate what amount of available LIHEAP funds will be used for each component that you will operate: The total of all percentages must add up to Percentage (%) Heating assistance 75.00% Cooling assistance 0.00% Crisis assistance 10.00% Weatherization assistance 0.00% 5.00% Carryover to the following federal fiscal year 10.00% Administrative and planning costs 0.00% Services to reduce home energy needs including needs assessment (Assurance 16) Used to develop and implement leveraging activities 0.00% TOTAL 100.00%

1.3 The funds reserved for winter crisis assistance that have not been expended by March 15 will be reprogrammed to:											
	Heating assistance Cooling assistance										
	Weatherization assistance  Other (specify:) Addnl crisis assistance begins June 1st. If a client has exhaused their annual allotment and receive a disconnect notice they will be eligible for additional distribution.										
Cates	gorical Eligibility, 2	605(b)	(2)(A) - Assurance 2, 2605(c	)(1)(A	), 2605(b)(8A) - As	surar	nce 8				
<u> </u>	3 67		s categorically eligible if one					atego	ories of benefits in th	ne left	t column below? 💽
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If you	answered "Yes" to	o ques	tion 1.4, you must complete	the ta	ble below and answ	ver qu	estions 1.5 and 1.6.				
					Heating	T	Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
TANE				•	Yes ONo	0	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	0	Yes O No
SSI				•	Yes ONo	0	Yes O No	•	Yes O No	0	Yes ONo
SNAP				•	Yes ONo	0	Yes O No	0	Yes O No	0	Yes O No
Means	s-tested Veterans Pro	rams		-	Yes O No	_	Yes O No	<del>-</del>	Yes O No	-	Yes O No
		, <i>-</i>	Program Name		Heating	_	Cooling		Crisis		Weatherization
Other	(Specify) 1		110gram Name		C Yes C No		C Yes C No		C Yes C No		C Yes C No
1.5 D	o vou automatically	enrol	l households without a direc	t annı	ual application? C	Yes			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
_	s, explain:	CIII OI	i nousenoids without a direc	· uiiii	an apparention:	103	- 110				
deter	ow do you ensure the mining eligibility are see rate of 150% of the	nd ben		ent of	categorically eligib	le hou	iseholds from those	not r	eceiving other publi	c assi	stance when
CNIAI	New in al Daymanta	_									
	P Nominal Payments		funds toward a nominal pay		for CNAD borrockel	اً میدا	Dya Gina				
Ė	Amount of Nominal		tion 1.7a, you must provide	a resp	onse to questions 1	./0, 1	./c, and 1./d.				
			tance. \$0.00								
	1.7c Frequency of Assistance  Once Per Year										
	Once every five ye	ears									
	Other - Describe:										
1.7d	How do you confirn	1 that	the household receiving a no	mina	payment has an e	nergy	cost or need?				
Deter	mination of Eligibili	ty - Co	ountable Income								
1.8. In determining a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP, do you use gross income or net income?											
~											
Net Income											
1.9. S	1.9. Select all the applicable forms of countable income used to determine a household's income eligibility for LIHEAP										
~	Wages										
~	Self - Employmen	t Inco	me								
~	Contract Income										
~	Payments from m	ortgag	ge or Sales Contracts								
	Unemployment insurance										

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

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

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

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	Section 2 - Heating Assistance					
Eligibility, 2605(b)(	,					
2.1 Designate the in	ncome eligibility threshold used for the heatin	ng componen	et:			
Add	Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold		
1	All Household Sizes		HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%		
2.2 Do you have ad HEATING ASSITA	ditional eligibility requirements for NCE?	O Yes	No			
2.3 Check the appr	opriate boxes below and describe the policies					
Do you require an	Assets test ?	C Yes	No			
Do you have additi	onal/differing eligibility policies for:					
Renters?		C Yes	No			
Renters Livir	ng in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	No			
Renters with	utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	No			
Do you give priorit	y in eligibility to:					
Elderly?		⊙ Yes (	No			
Disabled?		⊙ Yes (	No			
Young childr	ren?	• Yes	No			
Households v	vith high energy burdens ?	C Yes	No			
Other?		O <sub>Yes</sub> 6	No			
Explanations of pol	licies for each "yes" checked above:					
We process applicat	ions first for vulnerable households.					
Determination of Be	enefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
2.4 Describe how ye	ou prioritize the provision of heating assistan	ce tovulnera	ble populations, e.g., benefit amounts, early applica	ation periods, etc.		
	rulnerable household applications first, for receifor income guidelines, PLUS \$10 extra in benef		We offer a separate, increase of benefits, matrix usin ousehold member.	g a starting base of one additional		
2.5 Check the varia	ables you use to determine your benefit levels.	. (Check all t	chat apply):			
<b>✓</b> Income						
Family (house	ehold) size					
<b>✓</b> Home energy	cost or need:					
✓ Fuel ty	уре					
Climat	Climate/region					
Individ	dual bill					
Dwelli	ng type					
Energy burden (% of income spent on home energy)						

Energy need					
Other - Describe:	Other - Describe:				
Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)					
2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2017:					
Minimum Benefit	\$420	Maximum Benefit	\$790		
2.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., blankets, space heaters) an	nd/or other forms of b	enefits? • Yes O No			
If yes, describe.					
If funds allow, near the end of fiscal cycle, we provide Energy Kits or weatherization products to ALL of our eligible households. This is not a request only offer, but rather, products are sent to all Tribal offices in the LIHEAP program, for direct distribution to the LIHEAP qualified tribal member households.					
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here					

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

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Section 3 - Cooling Assistance						
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605 (b)(2) - Assurance 2						
3.1 Designate The income eligibility threshold used for the Co	oling compon	enet:				
Add Household size		Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1			0.00%			
3.2 Do you have additional eligibility requirements for COOLING ASSITANCE?						
3.3 Check the appropriate boxes below and describe the police	ies for each.					
Do you require an Assets test ?	C Yes	◯ No				
Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for:	·					
Renters?	C Yes	○ <sub>No</sub>				
Renters Living in subsidized housing ?	C Yes	○ No				
Renters with utilities included in the rent ?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>				
Do you give priority in eligibility to:	- II					
Elderly?	C Yes	O No				
Disabled? C Yes C No						
Young children?	C Yes	O No				
Households with high energy burdens ?	C Yes	O <sub>No</sub>				
Other?	O Yes	O <sub>No</sub>				
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:	<u> </u>					
3.4 Describe how you prioritize the provision of cooling assista	ance tovulner	able populations,e.g., benefit amounts, early applic	cation periods, etc.			
Determination of Benefits 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(I	3)					
3.5 Check the variables you use to determine your benefit leve	els. (Check all	that apply):				
Income						
Family (household) size						
Home energy cost or need:						
Fuel type						
Climate/region						
Individual bill						
Dwelling type						
Energy burden (% of income spent on home ener	rgy)					
Energy need						
Other - Describe:						

Benefit Levels, 2605(b)(5) - Assurance 5, 2605(c)(1)(B)				
3.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2017:				
Minimum Benefit	\$0	Maximum Benefit	\$0	
3.7 Do you provide in-kind (e.g., fans, air conditioners) and/or o	ther forms of bei	nefits? O Yes O No		
If yes, describe.				
If any of the above questions require further exattach a document with said explanation here.	xplanation o	r clarification that could not be made in the field	s provided,	

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

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	Section 4: CRISIS ASSISTANCE					
Eligibility - 2604(c)	), 2605(c)(1)(A)					
4.1 Designate the in	ncome eligibility threshold used for the crisis component					
Add	Household size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold			
1	All Household Sizes	HHS Poverty Guidelines	150.00%			
4.2 Provide your L	IHEAP program's definition for determining a crisis.					
We consider a crisis	s as anyone with a shut-off notice.					
4.3 What constitut	es a <u>life-threatening crisis?</u>					
We describe a life-t	hreatening crisis as any elder, disabled or small child in a hous	ehold that receives a shut-off notice.				
Crisis Requiremen	at, 2604(c)					
4.4 Within how ma	any hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve t	he energy crisis for eligible households? 12Hour	rs			
4.5 Within how ma	any hours do you provide an intervention that will resolve t	he energy crisis for eligible households in life-thr	reatening situations? 8Hours			
Crisis Eligibility, 26	505(c)(1)(A)					
4.6 Do you have ad	lditional eligibility requirements for CRISIS ASSISTANCI	E? Syes O No				
4.7 Check the app	ropriate boxes below and describe the policies for each	·				
Do you require an	Assets test ?	C Yes O No				
Do you give priorit	ty in eligibility to :	·				
Elderly?		• Yes O No				
Disabled?		• Yes O No				
Young Child	ren?	⊙ Yes ◯ No				
Households v	with high energy burdens?	C Yes C No				
Other?		C Yes C No				
In Order to receive	e crisis assistance:	II.				
Must the hou tank?	isehold have received a shut-off notice or have a near empt	y Yes O No				
Must the hou	Must the household have been shut off or have an empty tank?					
Must the hou	Must the household have exhausted their regular heating benefit?					
Must renters eviction notice ?	s with heating costs included in their rent have received an	C Yes O No				
Must heating	g/cooling be medically necessary?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Must the hou	usehold have non-working heating or cooling equipment?	C Yes ⊙ No				
Other?		C Yes C No				
Do you have additi	ional / differing eligibility policies for:	11-				

Renters?	C Yes O No					
Renters living in subsidized housing?	C Yes ⊙ No					
Renters with utilities included in the rent?	C Yes ⊙ No					
Explanations of policies for each "yes" checked above:	,					
We process vulnerable households immediately, next are all remaining crisis needs. Very shut-off. We provide additional funding, above annual pledges to vulnerable househousehousehousehousehousehousehouse	We will call the utilities directly and make a pledge. Clients must provide notice of olds in crisis.					
Determination of Benefits						
4.8 How do you handle crisis situations?						
Separate component						
Fast Track	Fast Track					
	ectly or contact their tribal office. If they phone us directly, we'll work with the tribe to We make a direct, phone pledge to utility company, to avoid any service interruption.					
4.9 If you have a separate component, how do you determine crisis assistance ber	nefits?					
Amount to resolve the crisis.						
Other - Describe:  We'll assess whether the client has used up their annual allottment and use those funds first, to ensure the power remains on. We review our current budgeted funds remaining in our grant period. Prior to June 1st, we'll provide the lesser amount of 1. their shut-off notice 2. \$300/household. Figures derived from historical years' crisis need data and 5% carryover/holdback.						
Crisis Requirements, 2604(c)						
4.10 Do you accept applications for energy crisis assistance at sites that are geogr	aphically accessible to all households in the area to be served?					
• Yes O No Explain.						
Each tribal office have applications available, covering our geographical areas served.						
4.11 Do you provide individuals who are physically disabled the means to:						
Submit applications for crisis benefits without leaving their homes?						
Travel to the sites at which applications for crisis assistance are accepted?						
C Yes O No If No, explain.						
If you answered "No" to both options in question 4.11, please explain alternative The four tribes give out applications to their tribal members. If they are home bound, email back completed app. The client is responsible for making sure their tribal office	the tribe will mail or email the app to the household. The client then may mail or					
Benefit Levels, 2605(c)(1)(B)						
4.12 Indicate the maximum benefit for each type of crisis assistance offered.						
Winter Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit						
Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit	Summer Crisis \$0.00 maximum benefit					
Year-round Crisis \$300.00 maximum benefit	Year-round Crisis \$300.00 maximum benefit					
4.13 Do you provide in-kind (e.g. blankets, space heaters, fans) and/or other form	s of benefits?					
Yes No If yes, Describe						
4.14 Do you provide for equipment repair or replacement using crisis funds?						

4.15 Check appropriate boxes below to indicate type(s)	1	1	I	
	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 enforc	e a moratoriui	n on shut offs	??	
C Yes • No				
If you responded "Yes" to question 4.16, you must respond to question 4.17.				
4.17 Describe the terms of the moratorium and any special dispensation received by LIHEAP clients during or after the moratorium period.				

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

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Section 5: WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE			
Eligibility, 2605(c)(1)(A), 2605(b)(2) - Assura	nce 2		
5.1 Designate the income eligibility threshold	used for the Weatherization co	omponent	
Add Hou	sehold Size	Eligibility Guideline	Eligibility Threshold
1			0.00%
5.2 Do you enter into an interagency agreeme	ent to have another government	t agency administer a WEATHERIZATION comp	onent? O Yes O No
5.3 If yes, name the agency.			
5.4 Is there a separate monitoring protocol for	r weatherization? O Yes	No	
WEATHERIZATION - Types of Rules			
5.5 Under what rules do you administer LIH	EAP weatherization? (Check or	nly one.)	
Entirely under LIHEAP (not DOE) rul	es		
Entirely under DOE WAP (not LIHEA	.P) rules		
Mostly under LIHEAP rules with the f	ollowing DOE WAP rule(s) wh	ere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all that	apply):
Income Threshold			
Weatherization of entire multi-fa	mily housing structure is perm	itted if at least 66% of units (50% in 2- & 4-unit be	uildings) are eligible units or will
	housing primarily low income I	persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and sin	nilar institutional care facilities).
Weatherize shelters temporarily housing primarily low income persons (excluding nursing homes, prisons, and similar institutional care facilities).  Other - Describe:			
Mostly under DOE WAP rules, with the	e following LIHEAP rule(s) wh	nere LIHEAP and WAP rules differ (Check all tha	t 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? C Yes C No			
5.7 Do you have additional/differing eligibility policies for :			
Renters	C Yes C No		
Renters living in subsidized housing?	C Yes C No		
5.8 Do you give priority in eligibility to:			
Elderly?	C Yes C No		
Disabled?	C Yes C No		
Young Children?	C Yes C No		
House holds with high energy burdens	? Cyes CNo		

Other? C Yes C No		
If you selected "Yes" for any of the options in questions 5.6, 5.7, or 5.8, you must provide further explanation of these policies in the text field below.		
Benefit Levels		
5.9 Do you have a maximum LIHEAP weatherization benefit/expenditure per hou	sehold? O Yes O No	
5.10 If yes, what is the maximum? \$0		
Types of Assitance, 2605(c)(1), (B) & (D)		
5.11 What LIHEAP weatherization measures do you provide? (Check all categori	ies that apply.)	
Weatherization needs assessments/audits	Energy related roof repair	
Caulking and insulation	Major appliance Repairs	
Storm windows	Major appliance replacement	
Furnace/heating system modifications/ repairs	Windows/sliding glass doors	
Furnace replacement	Doors	
Cooling system modifications/ repairs	Water Heater	
Water conservation measures	Cooling system replacement	
Compact florescent light bulbs	Other - Describe:	
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.		

# Section 6 - Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)

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Section 6: Outreach, 2605(b)(3) - Assurance 3, 2605(c)(3)(A)
6.1 Select all outreach activities that you conduct that are designed to assure that eligible households are made aware of all LIHEAP assistance available:
Place posters/flyers in local and county social service offices, offices of aging, Social Security offices, VA, etc.
Publish articles in local newspapers or broadcast media announcements.
Include inserts in energy vendor billings to inform individuals of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance.
Mass mailing(s) to prior-year LIHEAP recipients.
Inform low income applicants of the availability of all types of LIHEAP assistance at application intake for other low-income programs.
Execute interagency agreements with other low-income program offices to perform outreach to target groups.
Other (specify):
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#### Section 7 - Coordniation, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4

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	Section 7: Coordination, 2605(b)(4) - Assurance 4			
7.1 Desc	7.1 Describe how you will ensure that the LIHEAP program is coordinated with other programs available to low-income households (TANF, SSI, WAP, etc.).			
	Joint application for multiple programs			
>	Intake referrals to/from other programs			
	One - stop intake centers			
	Other - Describe:			

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

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Section 8: Agency Designation, 2605(b)(6) - Assurance 6 (Required for state grantees and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico)					
8.1 How	would you categorize the primary responsibility	of your State agency?			
	Administration Agency				
	Commerce Agency				
	Community Services Agency				
	Energy / Environment Agency				
	Housing Agency				
	Welfare Agency				
	Other - Describe:				
8.2 How 8.3 How	If you selected "Welfare Agency" in question 8.1, you must complete questions 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, as applicable.  8.2 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for HEATING ASSISTANCE?  8.3 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for COOLING ASSISTANCE?  8.4 How do you provide alternate outreach and intake for CRISIS ASSISTANCE?				
	EAP Component Administration.	Heating	Cooling	Crisis	Weatherization
	o determines client eligibility?	Tribal Government		Tribal Government	
8.5b Wh	no processes benefit payments to gas and electric?				
8.5c who	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?					

Each app	plicant must go through their Tribal Office for eligibility.
8.7 How	many local administering agencies do you use? 4
8.8 Have O Yes O No	e 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 fields provided, a document with said explanation here.

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

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Section 9: Energy Suppliers, 2605(b)(7) - Assurance 7
9.1 Do you make payments directly to home energy suppliers?
Heating • Yes C No
Cooling C Yes O No
Crisis © Yes © No
Are there exceptions? C Yes O No
If yes, Describe.
9.2 How do you notify the client of the amount of assistance paid?  By a letter.
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?
We have a vendor agreement with each utility company outlining program process, billing and payment guidelines. We send a letter to the client member that specifies payment details, each time we disburse funds so that they may track and cross reference to their utility billings. See attached example of Vendor Agreement
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?
Our vendor agreement specifically addresses non descrimination requirements for administering this program. See attached example of Vendor Agreement.
9.5. Do you make payments contingent on unregulated vendors taking appropriate measures to alleviate the energy burdens of eligible households?  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) - Assurance 10

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Section 10: Program, Fiscal Monitoring, and Audit, 2605(b)(10)					
We are subject t	10.1. How do you ensure good fiscal accounting and tracking of LIHEAP funds?  We are subject to a third party audit, annually. Our accounting software tracks expenditures by tribe allocations. We utilize department and program coding in general ledger accounts and prepare monthly reporting in house, for review by tribes as well.				
Audit Process					
10.2. Is your LI		annually under the Single Audit Act and	OMB Circular A - 133?		
		to the level of material weakness or repor rnment agency reviews of the LIHEAP ag			
No Findings <b></b> ✓	·				
Finding	Type	Brief Summary	Resolved?	Action Taken	
1					
	Local Administering Age				
What types of a Select all that a		ts do you have in place for local adminster	ring agencies/district offices?		
✓ Local	agencies/district offices a	are required to have an annual audit in co	ompliance with Single Audit Act and OMI	В Circular A-133	
Local	agencies/district offices a	are required to have an annual audit (other	er than A-133)		
Local	agencies/district offices'	A-133 or other independent audits are re	viewed by Grantee as part of compliance	process.	
Grantee conducts fiscal and program monitoring of local agencies/district offices					
Compliance Monitoring					
10.5. Describe the Grantee's strategies for monitoring compliance with the Grantee's and Federal LIHEAP policies and procedures: Select all that apply					
Grantee emplo	yees:				
	nal program review				
✓ Departmental oversight					
Secondary review of invoices and payments					
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:					
Other program review mechanisms are in place. Describe:					
Local Adminstering Agencies / District Offices:					
On - s	On - site evaluation				
Annu	al program review				
Monit	Monitoring through control 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.
We obtain copies of ALL client files from the tribes administering and qualifying households.  We send the 4 Tribal offices monthly reports from our accounting system for referencing to their records. We conduct annual phone interviews to check review any concerns or problem areas encountered. We are in monthly contact with the tribes for routine management of the program.
10.7. Describe how you select local agencies for monitoring reviews.
Site Visits:  We have not done site visits in awhile.
Desk Reviews:  We do all the tribal offices via phone interviews. Most personnel remains unchanged and is well trained and knowledgable with regards to LIHEAP guidelines.
10.8. How often is each local agency monitored?  All 4 tribes are constantly monitored because we obtain copies of all incoming files. We confer monthly regarding expenditure reports and often more frequently as the grant year nears ending.
10.9. What is the combined error rate for eligibility determinations? OPTIONAL  Most personnel remains unchanged and is well trained and knowledgable with regards to LIHEAP guidelines. By the time a file is approved at tribal office and makes it's way for our oversight, we've not found eligibility errors occurring.
10.10. What is the combined error rate for benefit determinations? OPTIONAL  Most personnel remains unchanged and is well trained and knowledgable with regards to LIHEAP guidelines. By the time a request is approved for payment, there are limited errors. Perhaps 1-2% annually, strictly bookkeeping type of error.
10.11. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for eligibility and/or benefit determination issues? 0
10.12. How many local agencies are currently on corrective action plans for financial accounting or administrative issues? 0

# 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:				
Mass mailings to previous clients and good communication with the tribal offices.				
11.2 What changes did you make to your LIHEAP plan as a result of this participation?  Expanded Income Guidelines matrix from disabled, to clearly offer the vulernable household matrix to elders and young child households.				
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?

N/A

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

STOWW and Tribes further agree that any hearing held as a result of appeals will meet the following standards: Must be held in a place reasonable convenient to the claimant, the claimant is afforded an opportunity to review the case filed and the hearing officer is a tribal official who is not involved in the decision being appealed. Program funds will be set aside pending each appeal. The applicant will have 30 days to appeal. The applicant would then be granted a hearing within 30 days of appeal. The STOWW Board, STOWW and tribal LIHEAP staff, a tribal hearing officer and the client will be present during the hearing.

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

Applicant rights to a fair hearing are stated on the application form and so receive their notice to a fair hearing during the initial application process.

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

STOWW and Tribes further agree that any hearing held as a result of appeals will meet the following standards: Must be held in a place reasonable convenient to the claimant, the claimant is afforded an opportunity to review the case filed and the hearing officer is a tribal official who is not involved in the decision being appealed. Program funds will be set aside pending each appeal. The applicant will have 30 days to appeal. The applicant would then be granted a hearing within 30 days of appeal. The STOWW Board, STOWW and tribal LIHEAP staff, a tribal hearing officer and the client will be present during the hearing. If it is determined that STOWW or Tribal Office is delinquent in meeting the 30 day hearing time frame, client needs to confirm their hearing request and such extension for hearing will be accommodated.

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

Applicants are informed in writing of appeal hearing rights within 30 days via phone call and mail.

#### 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?

STOWW has a list of helpful energy tips on the back of our statement letter, sent to each client. We distribute educational pamphlets, weatherization products, or energy kits once or twice a year, as funding allows.

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

Our accounting system has departmental and program coding by tribes and separated grant awards. We track all expenditures in this manner and review monthly budget to actual reports.

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

Knowledge and educational materials is difficult to measure. There were over 100 households who hopefully benefitted by way of reduced energy costs, through reading materials to reduce consumption and using the energy efficient light bulbs, etc.

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?  $\,{\rm N/A}$ 

13.6 How many households received these services? 100

#### Section 14 - Leveraging Incentive Program ,2607A

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Section 14:Leveraging Incentive Program, 2607(A)

14.1 Do you plan to submit an application for the leveraging incentive program?  $\bigcirc$  Yes  $\bigcirc$  No

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

N/A

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?
1	N/A	N/A	N/A

### **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
✓ By phor	Other - Describe: ne as need
15.2 Do • Yes • No	pes your training program address fraud reporting and prevention?

#### 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.

N/A

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Section 17: Program Integrity, 2605(b)(10)								
17.1 Fraud Reporting Mechanisms								
a. Describe all mechanisms available to	the p	public for reporting cases of suspected	d wa	ste, fraud, and abuse. Select all that a	apply	•		
Online Fraud Reporting	Online Fraud Reporting							
Dedicated Fraud Reporting Hotline								
Report directly to local agency/district office or Grantee office								
Report to State Inspector General or Attorney General								
Forms and procedures in place for local agencies/district offices and vendors to report fraud, waste, and abuse								
Other - Describe:								
Each application and statement letter contains the statement "If you suspect fraud of any kind with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; please report it immediately to either your Tribal representative, or to the LIHEAP Program Manager (1-800-567-6690 xt 226) for further investigation"								
b. Describe strategies in place for adver	tisin	g the above-referenced resources. Sel	lect a	ll that apply				
Printed outreach materials								
Addressed on LIHEAP appl	licati	on						
Website								
Other - Describe:								
17.2. Identification Documentation Req	uire	ments						
a. Indicate which of the following forms	s of ic	dentification are required or requeste	ed to	be collected from LIHEAP applicant	ts or	their household members.		
				Called A. J. Comp. William 9				
Type of Identification Collected	Collected from Whom?							
	Applicant Only		All Adults in Household		All Household Members			
Social Security Card is photocopied and retained		Required		Required	>	Required		
		Requested		Requested		Requested		
Social Security Number (Without actual Card)		Required		Required		Required		
		Requested		Requested		Requested		
Government-issued identification card	Y	Required		Required		Required		
(i.e.: driver's license, state ID, Tribal ID, passport, etc.)		Requested		Requested		Requested		

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	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. De	escribe any exceptions to the above pol	icies.					
none							
17.3	Identification Verification						
Desc	Describe what methods are used to verify the authenticity of identification documents provided by clients or household members. Select all that apply						
	Verify SSNs with Social Security A	dministration					
	Match SSNs with death records fro	om Social Security Ad	ministration or state	e agency			
	Match SSNs with state eligibility/ca	ase management syste	m (e.g., SNAP, TAN	F)			
	Match with state Department of La	nbor system					
	Match with state and/or federal co	rrections system					
	Match with state child support syst	em					
	Verification using private software	(e.g., The Work Num	iber)				
~	In-person certification by staff (for	tribal grantees only)					
	Match SSN/Tribal ID number with	tribal database or en	rollment records (fo	or tribal grantees on	ly)		
	Other - Describe:						
17.4	. Citizenship/Legal Residency Verifica	tion					
Wha	nt are your procedures for ensuring th	at household member	s are U.S. citizens or	r aliens who are qua	lified to receive LIHI	EAP benefits? Select	all that apply.
H	Clients sign an attestation of citize	enship or legal residen	ncy				
L	Client's submission of Social Secu	rity cards is accepted	as proof of legal res	idency			
H	Noncitizens must provide docume	ntation of immigratio	n status				
L	Citizens must provide a copy of th	eir birth certificate, n	naturalization paper	s, or passport			
H	Noncitizens are verified through t	he SAVE system					
~	Tribal members are verified throu	igh Tribal enrollment	records/Tribal ID	eard			
	Other - Describe:						
17.5	. Income Verification						
	at methods does your agency utilize to	verify household inco	me? Select all that a	pply.			
~		for all adult household	d members				
	Pay stubs						
	Social Security award letter	s					
	Bank statements						
	Tax statements						
	Zero-income statements						
	Unemployment Insurance le	etters					
	Other - Describe:						
	Computer data matches:						
	Income information matche	d against state compu	ter system (e.g., SN	AP, TANF)			
	Proof of unemployment ben	efits verified with stat	te Department of La	bor			
	Social Security income verif	ied with SSA					

Utilize state directory of new hires
Other - Describe:
17.6. Protection of Privacy and Confidentiality
Describe the financial and operating controls in place to protect client information against improper use or disclosure. Select all that apply.
Policy in place prohibiting release of information without written consent
Grantee LIHEAP database includes privacy/confidentiality safeguards
Employee training on confidentiality for:
Grantee employees
✓ Local agencies/district offices
Employees must sign confidentiality agreement
<b>☑</b> Grantee employees
Local agencies/district offices
Physical files are stored in a secure location
Other - Describe:
17.7. Verifying the Authenticity
What policies are in place for verifying vendor authenticity? Select all that apply.
All vendors must register with the State/Tribe.
All vendors must supply a valid SSN or TIN/W-9 form
Vendors are verified through energy bills provided by the household
Grantee and/or local agencies/district offices perform physical monitoring of vendors
Other - Describe and note any exceptions to policies above:
STOWW has a contract with each vendor. We deal primarily with well known, public utility companies in the state.
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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
<b>☑</b> Direct payment to households are made in limited cases only
<b>✓</b> Vendors are only paid once they provide a delivery receipt signed by the client
Conduct monitoring of bulk fuel vendors
Bulk fuel vendors are required to submit reports to the Grantee
Vendor agreements specify requirements selected above, and provide enforcement mechanism
Other - Describe:
17.10. Investigations and Prosecutions
Describe the Grantee's procedures for investigating and prosecuting reports of fraud, and any sanctions placed on clients/staff/vendors found to have committed fraud. Select all that apply.
Refer to state Inspector General
Refer to local prosecutor or state Attorney General
Refer to US DHHS Inspector General (including referral to OIG hotline)
Local agencies/district offices or Grantee conduct investigation of fraud complaints from public
Grantee attempts collection of improper payments. If so, describe the recoupment process
Clients found to have committed fraud are banned from LIHEAP assistance. For how long is a household banned? current and following award years.
Contracts with local agencies require that employees found to have committed fraud are reprimanded and/or terminated
Vendors found to have committed fraud may no longer participate in LIHEAP
Other - Describe:
If any of the above questions require further explanation or clarification that could not be made in the fields provided, attach a document with said explanation here.

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

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

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
- 3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.BrBbr.
- 4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
- 7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it

will include the clause titled ``Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

- 8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
- 9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

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

- (1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;
- (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
- (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

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

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

Instructions for Certification

- 1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- 3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

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

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.
- ☑ By checking this box, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out above.

#### Section 19: Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

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

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

- 1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
- 3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
- 4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
- 5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
- 6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
- 7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
- 8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

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

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

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

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

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:,

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
- (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
- (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
- (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
- (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

- (f)Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted -(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).
- (B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

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

3040 - 96th St. South  * Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Lakewood  * City	wa <u>* State</u>	98499 <b><u>*</u> Zip Code</b>

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

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

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

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

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

### Section 20: Certification Regarding Lobbying

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

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

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

#### Assurances

Assurances (1) use the funds available under this title to--(A) conduct outreach activities and provide assistance to low income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, consistent with paragraph (5); (B) intervene in energy crisis situations; (C) provide low-cost residential weatherization and other cost-effective energy-related home repair; and (D)plan, develop, and administer the State's program under this title including leveraging programs, and the State agrees not to use such funds for any purposes other than those specified in this title; (2) make payments under this title only with respect to--(A) households in which one or more individuals are receiving--(i)assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social **Security Act**; (ii) supplemental security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act; (iii) food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or (iv) payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act of 1978; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Plan Attachments**

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