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(d) * * * HUD and the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are soliciting applications for a single two-year grant of up to \$550,000. HUD and the CDC have the option to extend the Cooperative Agreement for an additional year(s), subject to the grantee's performance and the availability of funding. The purpose of the grant is to assist public housing staff and residents in applying the results of current scientific research to the prevention of youth violence in public housing communities. * * *

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(1) Award Period

The Grant will be cost-reimbursable and awarded for two years. HUD and the CDC have the option to extend the Cooperative Agreement for an additional year(s), subject to the grantee's performance and the availability of funding.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Proposed Revised Procedures Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Revised NEPA Procedures.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a proposed revision of Appendix 4 to the Department's NEPA procedures (516 DM, Appendix 4) which were published in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 1988 (53 FR 10439).

DATES: The Appendix 4 will be adopted after a 30-day comment period. Comments received during this time will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Dr. Willie R. Taylor, Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, MIB 2340, 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Willie R. Taylor, Director, Office of

Environmental Policy and Compliance; telephone (202) 208-3891. For the Bureau of Indian Affairs, contact Dr. Donald Sutherland telephone (202) 208-4791.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This proposed revised Appendix 4 to the Department manual (516 DM 6) provides more specific NEPA compliance guidance to the BIA. In particular, it updates information about BIA organizational responsibilities for NEPA compliance, updates guidance to applicants, adds to those actions normally requiring preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) and updates, revises, and adds to those actions categorically excluded from the NEPA process. The additions reflect continued BIA experience with the NEPA process and are primarily in the land conveyance, waste management and roads and transportation areas. The Appendix 4 must be used in conjunction with Departmental procedures and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). In addition, the BIA has prepared a Handbook (30 BIAM, Supplement 1) to provide technical guidance on how to apply these procedures to its principal programs at the Area and Agency levels.

Comments are solicited and will be considered in the final version of Appendix 4.

516 DM 6, Appendix 4

4.1 NEPA Responsibility

A. *Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs* is responsible for NEPA compliance of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) activities and programs.

B. *Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities* (OTR) is responsible for oversight of the BIA program for achieving compliance with NEPA, program direction, and leadership for BIA environmental policy, coordination and procedures.

C. *Environmental Services Staff*, reports to the Director (OTR). This office is the Bureau-wide focal point for overall NEPA policy and guidance and is responsible for advising and assisting Area Offices, Agency Superintendents, and other field support personnel in their environmental activities. The office also provides training and acts as the Central Office's liaison with Indian tribal governments on NEPA and other environmental compliance matters. Information about BIA NEPA documents or the NEPA process can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Services Staff.

D. *Other Central Office Directors and Division Chiefs* are responsible for

ensuring that the programs and activities within their jurisdiction comply with NEPA.

E. *Area Directors and Project Officers* are responsible for assuring NEPA compliance with all activities under their jurisdiction and providing advice and assistance to Agency Superintendents and consulting with the Indian tribes on environmental matters related to NEPA. Area Directors and Project Officers are also responsible for assigning sufficient trained staff to ensure NEPA compliance is carried out. An Environmental Coordinator is located at each Area Office.

F. *Agency Superintendents and Field Unit Supervisors* are responsible for NEPA compliance and enforcement at the Agency or field unit level.

4.2 Guidance to Applicants and Tribal Governments

A. Relationship With Applicants and Tribal Governments

1. Guidance to Applicants.

a. An "applicant" is an entity which proposes to undertake any activity which will at some point require BIA action. These may include tribal governments, private entities, state and local governments or other Federal agencies. BIA compliance with NEPA is Congressionally mandated. Compliance is initiated when a BIA action is necessary in order to implement a proposal.

b. Applicants should contact the BIA official at the appropriate level for assistance. This will be the Agency Superintendent, Area Director or the Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities.

c. If the applicant's proposed action will affect or involve more than one tribal government, one government agency, one BIA Agency, or where the action may be of State-wide or regional significance, the applicant should contact the respective Area Director(s). The Area Director(s), using sole discretion, may assign the lead NEPA compliance responsibilities to one Area Office or, as appropriate, to one Agency Superintendent. From that point, the Applicant will deal with the designated lead office.

d. Since much of the applicant's planning may take place outside the BIA system, it is the applicant's responsibility to prepare a milestone chart for BIA use at the earliest possible stage in order to coordinate the efforts of both parties. Early communication with the responsible BIA office will expedite determination of the appropriate type of NEPA documentation required. Other matters