

(a) The Tribe has carried out a contract or compact under title I or IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*) for a period of not less than 3 consecutive years ending on the date on which the Tribe submits the application, and the contract or compact:

(1) Has been carried out by the Tribe without material audit exceptions (or without any material audit exceptions that were not corrected within the 3-year period); and

(2) Has included programs or activities relating to the management of Tribal land;

(b) The TEDO is organized under the Tribe's laws;

(c) The majority of the interest in the TEDO is owned and controlled by the Tribe (or the Tribe and one or more other Tribes) the Tribal land of which is being developed; and

(d) The TEDO's organizing document:

(1) Requires the Tribe with jurisdiction over the land to maintain, at all times, the controlling interest in the TEDO;

(2) Requires the Tribe (or the Tribe and one or more other Tribes the Tribal land of which is being developed) to own and control, at all times, a majority of the interest in the TEDO; and

(3) Includes a statement that the TEDO is subject to the jurisdiction, laws, and authority of the Tribe.

**§ 224.202 How must a TEDO submit an application for certification?**

A TEDO must submit an application and all supporting documents in a searchable portable document format (PDF) to *TERA@bia.gov*.

**§ 224.203 What must the Secretary do upon receipt of an application for certification as a TEDO?**

Within 90 days of receiving an application for certification as a TEDO, the Secretary must approve or disapprove the application.

**§ 224.204 What criteria will the Secretary use to determine whether to approve an application for certification of a TEDO?**

The Secretary will approve the application for certification upon determining that the application contains the documentation required in § 224.201.

**§ 224.205 What must the Secretary do upon approval of an application for certification?**

If the Secretary approves an application for certification, the Secretary must do the following within 10 days of making the determination under § 224.203:

(a) Issue a certification stating that:

(1) The TEDO is organized under the laws of the Tribe and subject to the Tribe's jurisdiction, laws, and authority;

(2) The majority of the interest in the TEDO is owned and controlled by the Tribe (or the Tribe and one or more other Tribes) and the Tribal land of which is being developed;

(3) The TEDO's organizing document requires the Tribe with jurisdiction over the land to maintain, at all times, the controlling interest in the TEDO;

(4) The TEDO's organizing document requires the Tribe (or the Tribe and one or more other Tribes the Tribal land of which is being developed) to own and control, at all times, a majority of the interest in the TEDO;

(5) The certification is issued under 25 U.S.C. 3504(h); and

(6) Nothing in the certification waives the sovereign immunity of the Tribe.

(b) Deliver a copy of the Certification to the applicant Tribe (or Tribes, as applicable); and

(c) Publish the certification in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

**§ 224.206 What is the effect of a TEDO receiving certification?**

Upon receiving certification under this subpart, a TEDO may enter into a lease, business agreement, or right-of-way with an Indian Tribe without Secretarial approval as long as:

(a) The scope of the lease or business agreement does not exceed that of a TERA as established in § 224.85 of this part.

(b) The scope of a right-of-way does not exceed that of a TERA as established in § 224.84 of this part.

(c) The term of a lease, business agreement, or right-of-way does not exceed that of a TERA as established in § 224.86 of this part.