

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey****Technology Transfer Act of 1986**

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Swiss Reinsurance Company ("SwissRe") to conduct a probabilistic study of earthquake hazards in the greater Istanbul area.

**INQUIRIES:** If any other parties are interested in studying other areas with the USGS, please contact: Dr. Ross S. Stein, tel 1 650 329 4840, fax 1 650 329 4876, rstein@usgs.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: November 16, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Receipt of Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) notice is hereby given that the following groups have each filed a letter of intent to petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. Each letter of intent was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the date indicated, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, c/o Sonia Johnston, P.O. Box 25628, Santa Ana, California 92799, withdrew from Juaneno Band of Mission Indians. (See, 47 FR 56184, 12/15/1982). March 8, 1996.

Ani Yvwi Yuchi, c/o Joe Lenwood Henderson, 58757 Santa Barbara

Drive, Yucca Valley, California 92284. July 31, 1996.

Loyal Shawnee Tribe, c/o Don Greenfeather, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465. October 14, 1998.

Lost Cherokee of Arkansas & Missouri, c/o W.K. Maxwell, Jr., 108 South Fisher, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. February 10, 1999.

Cherokee Nation of Alabama, c/o Winfred H. Watts, Jr., 4901 Clairmont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35222. February 16, 1999.

Knugank, c/o Dennis Olson, P.O. Box 571, Dillingham, Alaska 99576. January 7, 1999.

Pequot Mohegan Tribe, Inc., c/o Van Thomas Green, 387 High Street, Suite 3-B, Middletown, Connecticut 06457. April 12, 1999.

The Yamassee Native American Moors of the Creek Nation, c/o Malachi York, P.O. Box 707, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061. April 27, 1999.

Sierra Foothill Wuksachi Yokuts/Tribe, c/o Marie Dominguez, 34845 Maxon Road, #108, Sanger, California 93657. May 11, 1999.

Costanoan Tribe of Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista Missions, c/o Quirina Cynthia Luna, 704 Wessmith Way, Madera, California 93638-2172. May 11, 1999.

Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc., c/o Daniel Castro Romero, Jr., 109 Clifford Court, San Antonio, Texas 78210. May 26, 1999.

Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek, c/o Leroy Lewis, P.O. Box 396, Neeses, South Carolina 29107. June 16, 1999.

Poquonnock Pequot Tribe, c/o Paul A. Davis, P.O. Box 250, Ledyard, Connecticut 06339. July 7, 1999.

The Wilderness Tribe of Missouri, c/o Dophes Barton, Route 2, Box 2232, Alton, Missouri 65606. August 16, 1999.

Tuscarora Nation East of the Mountains, c/o Robert Michael Chavis, 780 Andrews Farm Road, Rowland, North Carolina 28383-8080. September 8, 1999.

The Old Settler Cherokee Nation of Arkansas, c/o Joe Bagby, P.O. Box 82, Timbo, Arkansas 72680. September 17, 1999.

This is a notice of receipt of these letters of intent to petition and does not constitute notice that the petitions are under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, third parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in

support of or in opposition to each group's petition and may request to be kept informed of all general actions affecting the petition. Third parties should provide copies of their submissions to the petitioner. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petitions may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, BIA, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, MS: 4660-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Advisory Board for Exceptional Children**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announces a meeting of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to discuss the impact of Public Law 105-17, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, on Indian children with disabilities.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. MST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel, 800 Rio Grand Boulevard, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104. Telephone 1-800-237-2133; Fax (505) 842-9863.

Written statements may be submitted to Mr. Joe Christie, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-3512-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 208-6123; Fax (202) 208-5548.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Angelita Felix, Chief, Branch of Exceptional Education, (202) 208-5037.