

expand at a pace somewhat above the middle of its range.

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. In furtherance of these objectives, the Committee reaffirmed at its meeting in June the ranges it had established in February for growth of M2 and M3 of 1 to 5 percent and 2 to 6 percent respectively, measured from the fourth quarter of 1998 to the fourth quarter of 1999. The range for growth of total domestic nonfinancial debt was maintained at 3 to 7 percent for the year. For 2000, the Committee agreed on a tentative basis in June to retain the same ranges for growth of the monetary aggregates and debt, measured from the fourth quarter of 1999 to the fourth quarter of 2000. The behavior of the monetary aggregates will continue to be evaluated in the light of progress toward price level stability, movements in their velocities, and developments in the economy and financial markets.

To promote the Committee's long-run objectives of price stability and sustainable economic growth, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with increasing the federal funds rate to an average of around 5-1/2 percent. In view of the evidence currently available, the Committee believes that prospective developments are equally likely to warrant an increase or a decrease in the federal funds rate operating objective during the intermeeting period.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, December 27, 1999.

**Donald L. Kohn,**

*Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS

Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project 1.* First Follow-Up Survey of Youth and Site Visit and Focus Group Protocols for the Federal Evaluation of Initiatives Funded Under Section 510 of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program—The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (Pub. L. 104-193) established section 510 of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program, the purpose of which is to support state efforts promoting abstinence only education. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33) established a requirement to "evaluate programs under Section 510." This proposed information collection will gather follow-up information for the evaluation—NEW—Respondents: Individuals, state or local governments—Burden Information for First Follow-Up Survey—Number of Respondents: 6,510; Average Burden per Response: .75 hours; Burden: 4,883 hours—Burden Information for Focus Groups—Number of Respondents: 380; Average Burden per Response: 2 hours; Burden: 760 hours—Burden Information for Executive Interviews—Number of Respondents: 350; Average Burden per Response: 1.5 hours; Burden: 495 hours—Total Burden: 6,138 hours. Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**Dennis Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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*Proposed Project 1.* Site Visit Protocols for the Multi-Site Evaluation of the Welfare-to-Work Grant Program—0990-0230—Revision—This data collection will support the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in its efforts to further documents the status of Welfare-to-Work formula and competitive grantees and provide information on implementation issues as part of the Congressionally mandated evaluation of the Welfare-to-Work grants program. Respondents: Individuals, State, Local or Tribal Governments, Non-profit Institutions—Burden Information for Staff Interviews—Number of Responses: 360; Burden per Response: 1 hour; Total Burden for Staff Interviews: 360 hours—Burden Information for Focus Groups—Number of Responses: 350; Burden per Response: 1.5 hours; Total Burden for Focus Groups: 540 hour—Burden Information for Individual Tribal program Participants—Number of Responses: 50; Burden per Response: .5 hours; Total Burden for Individual Tribal Program Participants: 30 hours—Total Burden: 930 hours. Send comments to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H,

Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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**Dennis P. Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. 93612-002]

#### Availability of Financial Assistance To Investigate the Feasibility of Tribal Energy Sales

**AGENCY:** Administration for Native Americans (ANA), ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of competitive financial assistance to assist planning that examines and develops Tribal regulatory, management and energy conservation capabilities and opportunities available. Planning activities is an approach to addressing the mitigation of Indian lands due to DOD activities to Indian lands.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) has cancelled the January 22, 1999 announcement, which announced the availability of financial assistance for the mitigation of environmental impacts on Indian lands due to Department of Defense Activities. (Program Announcement No. 93612-993) The cancellation of the January 22, 1999 announcement was published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 1999. (Program announcement No. 93612-0002)

The Congress has recognized that DOD activities may have caused environmental problems for Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. These environmental hazards can negatively impact the health and safety as well as the social and economic welfare of Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. Accordingly, the Congress has taken steps to help those affected begin to mitigate environmental impacts from DOD activities by assisting them in the planning, development and implementation of programs for such mitigation. This environmental mitigation program was begun through a program announcement published on December 29, 1993 as a response to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 103-139, which was enacted on November 11, 1993.

This program continues under Pub. L. 103-335 (the Act), enacted on September 30, 1994. Section 8094A of the Act states that funds appropriated to the Department of Defense (DOD) for Operations and Maintenance Defense-Wide, not less than \$8,000,000 shall be made available until expended to the Administration for Native Americans. Provided that such funds shall be made available only for the mitigation of environmental impacts, including training and technical assistance to tribes, related administrative support, the gathering of information, documenting of environmental damage, and developing a system for prioritizing of mitigation, on Indian lands resulting from Department of Defense activities. This program announcement primarily focuses on planning projects that investigate the feasibility of tribal energy sales through energy development, as a means of mitigating Indian lands. Mitigation as defined in 40 CFR 1508.20 includes "(e) Compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments".

#### Application Kit

Application kits, are approved by the OMB under control number 0980-0204, which expired August 31, 1999. ANA has asked OMB for a six-month extension to use the kit while a new version is developed, reviewed and approved. We anticipate that the new kit will be available in January 2000. The current kit remains valid and contains the necessary forms and instructions to apply for a grant under this program announcement.

Application kits may be obtained from ANA training and technical assistance providers. ANA employs contractors to provide short-term training and technical assistance (T/TA) to eligible applicants. T/TA is available under these contracts for a wide range of needs; however, the contractors are not authorized to write applications. The T/TA is provided at no cost.

To obtain an application kit and/or training and technical assistance, applicants are encouraged to contact the appropriate T/TA provider within the appropriate service area. Each contractor's telephone number is listed below. You may also call: Administration for Native Americans, Applicant Help Desk, 202-690-7776; or visit ANA's web site listing of current providers at: [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana).

*The ANA technical assistance providers for this announcement are in four areas divided as follows:*

*Area 1, Eastern serves federally recognized Tribes in AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, KS, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI, and WV.* (Native American Management Services, Inc. 888-221-9686 toll free or 703-821-2226)

*Area 2, Central federally recognized Tribes in AZ, CO, IA, KS, ND, NE, NM, MO, MT, OK, SD, UT, WY, NV, ID, and TX.* (RJS and Associates, Inc. 888-838-4757 toll free)

*Area 3, Western serves federally recognized Tribes in CA, OR and WA.* (Development Associates, Inc. 800-666-9711 toll free or (925-935-9711)

*Area 4, Alaska serves all eligible applicants in AK.* (Native American Management Services, Inc. 877-770-6230 toll free or 907-770-6230)

*Copies of this program announcement and many of the required forms may be obtained electronically at the ANA World Wide Web Page:*

[www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ana).

The printed **Federal Register** notice is the only official program announcement. Although all reasonable efforts are taken to assure that the files on the ANA World Wide Web Page containing electronic copies of the Program Announcement are accurate and complete, they are provided for information only. The applicant bears sole responsibility to assure that the copy downloaded and/or printed from any other source is accurate and complete.

**DATES:** The closing date for submission of applications is March 10, 2000.

#### Part I: Supplementary Information

##### A. Introduction and Purpose

The program announcement states the continued availability of unobligated fiscal year 1995 financial assistance to eligible applicants using DOD funds under Pub. L. 103-335. The purpose of funds available under this announcement is for planning projects that examine the feasibility for Tribal energy sales through energy resources as a means to mitigate damages done by DOD.

Financial assistance awards made under this program announcement will be on a competitive basis and the proposals will be reviewed against the evaluation criteria in this announcement.

The Federal government recognizes that substantial environmental problems, resultant from defense activities, exist on Indian lands. It also recognizes its special Trust responsibility to protect the land and resources of Tribal lands as well as the