

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Consultation Meetings With Interested Parties on Preparing Contract Regulations Governing the Use of the Authority in 25 U.S.C. 47, as Amended (aka the Buy Indian Act)

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will conduct three consultation meetings to receive oral comments on the content of rules being prepared to govern the award and administration of acquisitions made under the authority of 25 U.S.C. 47, as amended (aka the Buy Indian Act).

DATES: The consultation meeting dates are:

1. October 25, 2001, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
2. November 8, 2001, Scottsdale, Arizona.
3. November 15, 2001, Portland, Oregon.

All meetings will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. or until all meeting participants have had an opportunity to make comments.

Attendees are requested to provide written notice of their intent to attend a specific meeting to the contact person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are:

1. Oklahoma City—Westin, One North Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK.
2. Scottsdale—Doubletree La Posada, 4949 East Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, AZ.
3. Portland—Doubletree Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Markey, Procurement Analyst, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Acquisition and Property Management, 2051 Mercator Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191; Telephone: (703) 390-6479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings will provide interested parties

an opportunity to comment on the key points expected to be included in the Buy Indian Act regulations. The regulations will not govern self-determination or self-governance agreements made with Indian tribal governments. The regulations will govern the set-aside process for the award of contracts with Indian economic enterprises that are at least 51 percent Indian owned or are tribally owned economic enterprises. If not tribally owned, one or more Indian owners must be involved in the daily business management of the enterprise. The majority of profits must accrue to the Indian owners or, if the contractor is a nonprofit organization, the majority of the board of directors must be members of federally recognized tribes.

The attendees at the meetings will be briefed on the key points planned for inclusion in the regulations and questions and comments will be received at the meetings. After the consultation meetings, draft regulations will be published in the **Federal Register** and written comments will be received. The regulations are intended to provide a regulatory basis for the policy followed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs when contracting with Indian economic enterprises on a preferential basis.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service's (NPS') intention to request an extension of a currently approved collection. Specifically five information collections will be carried out pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act and the NPS Strategic Plan. All of the proposed information collections are surveys of customer satisfaction with certain NPS programs and types of assistance. NPS' National Center for Recreation and Conservation (NCRC) will conduct surveys of the clients of three recreation and conservation assistance programs to assess client satisfaction with the services received and to identify needed program improvements. The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to use the information to identify areas of strength and weakness in its recreation and conservation assistance programs, to provide an information base for improving those programs, and to provide a required performance measurement (Goal IIIb2 of the 2000 National Park Service Strategic Plan) under the Government Performance and Results Act.

NPS' National Center for Cultural Resources (NCCR) proposes to continue to collect information on customer satisfaction with historic preservation technical assistance, training, and educational materials that NPS provides to its partners including the general public. The NPS goal in collecting this information is to provide an information base for maintaining a high level of performance in those programs and to provide a required performance measurement (Goal IIIa3) of the 2000 National Park Service Strategic Plan that NPS promulgated under the Government Performance and Results Act.

Estimated numbers of:

	Responses	Burden hours
NPS Partnership Programs		
GPRA Information Collections	1,984	205.65

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for all five information collections. The

NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to

minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.