

Dated: July 14, 2003.

**Robert C. Bonner,**

*Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.*

**Tom Ridge,**

*Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### 24 CFR Part 1000

[Docket No. FR-4676-N-10]

#### Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of negotiated rulemaking committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a meeting of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to discuss and negotiate a proposed rule that would change the regulations for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program allocation formula, and other regulatory issues that arise out of the allocation or reallocation of IHBG funds.

**DATES:** The committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2003, Tuesday, August 19, 2003, Wednesday, August 20, 2003, and Thursday, August 21, 2003. The committee meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. on Monday, August 18, 2003, and is scheduled to adjourn at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20004; telephone (202) 393-2000 (this is not a toll-free number).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, Room 4126, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-5000, telephone, (202) 401-7914 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Background

HUD has established the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the purposes of discussing and negotiating a proposed rule that would change the regulations for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program allocation formula, and other IHBG program regulations that arise out of the allocation or reallocation of IHBG funds.

The IHBG program was established under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) (NAHASDA). NAHASDA reorganized housing assistance to Native Americans by eliminating and consolidating a number of HUD assistance programs in a single block grant program. In addition, NAHASDA provides federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of Indian self-determination and tribal self-government. Following the procedures of the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1990 (5 U.S.C. 561-570), HUD and its tribal partners negotiated the March 12, 1998 (63 FR 12349) final rule, which created a new 24 CFR part 1000 containing the IHBG program regulations.

## II. Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meeting

This document announces a meeting of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. The committee meeting will take place as described in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** section of this document. The agenda planned for the meeting includes work group sessions and the discussion of work group progress reports by the full committee. The meeting will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may be allowed to make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this document.

Dated: July 11, 2003.

**Rodger J. Boyd,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### 25 CFR Chapter I

#### No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

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

**ACTION:** Membership of the No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior has established an advisory Committee to develop recommendations for proposed rules for Indian education under six sections of The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. On May 5, 2003, the Secretary published the proposed membership for the No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and requested comments. Following review of the comments, the Secretary has named the members of the Committee.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is an advisory committee formed under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Pub. L. 107-110), the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the Committee is to negotiate and reach consensus on recommendations for proposed rules for Indian education under six sections of The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. For more information on negotiated rulemaking under The No Child Left Behind Act, see **Federal Register** notices that we published on December 10, 2002 (67 FR 75828) and May 5, 2003 (68 FR 23631), or our Web site at <http://www.oiep.bia.edu> under "Negotiated Rulemaking."

The Secretary proposed 19 tribal Committee members and 6 Federal Committee members. Following selection of the tribal Committee members as proposed in the May 5, 2003, **Federal Register** notice, one of the proposed tribal Committee members, David Germany, Mississippi Band of Choctaw, was unable to serve. The Secretary has replaced Mr. Germany with Vanessa Girard, Education Planner, Gila River Indian Community. In response to the **Federal Register** notice of proposed membership of the Committee, the Secretary received 8 comments, including 6 additional nominations for Committee membership. The Secretary found that the membership of the Committee adequately represented the tribes with bureau-funded schools and the interests

previously identified. Therefore the Secretary did not select any of the new nominations for the Committee.

The Secretary has selected the following tribal representatives for the

No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee:

Nominee	Tribal affiliation	Educational affiliation
Greg Anderson	Muscogee (Creek) Nation	Administrator, Creek Nation-Eufaula Dormitory.
Lorraine Begay	Navajo Nation	Director, Business Services, Greasewood Springs Community School, Inc.
Pauleen Billie	Navajo Nation	Executive Director, Navajo Area School Board Association.
Faye Blue Eyes	Navajo Nation	Director, Support Services, Shiprock Alternative Schools, Inc.
Roger Bordeaux	Potawatomi Nation	Superintendent, Tiospa Zina Tribal School.
Deborah Bordeaux	Oglala Sioux Tribe	Principal, Loneman School.
Doyce Cannon	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Director of Education, Cherokee Central Schools.
Mary Helen Creamer	Navajo Nation	Program Manager, Tribal Education Department.
Laverne Dallas	Hopi Tribe	President, Hopi School Board.
Zachary Ducheneaux	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	District 6 Representative, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council.
Gus Keene, Jr.	Navajo Nation	Director, Education Services, Ramah Navajo School Board.
Dolores McKerry	Navajo Nation	Program Manager, Navajo Education Center, North Central Association.
Wayne Newell	Pasamaquoddy Tribe	Director, Culture and Bilingual Education.
Tony Pivec	Cherokee Nation	Superintendent, Sequoyah High School.
Mark Sorenson	Navajo Nation	Executive Director, Little Singer Community School.
Terry Yellow Fat	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	Superintendent, Standing Rock Community School.
Wayne Waddoups	Shoshone-Bannock	Superintendent, Shoshone Bannock School District # 512.
Vanessa Girard	Gila River Indian Community	Education Planner, Gila River Indian Community.
Linda Warner	Comanche Nation	Past Chief Executive Officer, Indian Community School of Milwaukee.

In addition, the Secretary has selected the following Federal representatives for the No Child Left Behind Negotiated Rulemaking Committee:

Name	Affiliation
Theresa Rosier	Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.
Sharon Wells	Special Assistant Deputy Director, School Operations, BIA.
Edith Blackwell	Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, Office of the Solicitor.
Bruce Steele	Principal, Polacca Day School, BIA-OIEP-Hopi Agency.
Michael Rossetti	Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior.
Larry Byers	Principal, Chemawa School, BIA-OIEP.

Dated: July 10, 2003.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**26 CFR Part 1**

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**Reduction of Tax Attributes Due to Discharge of Indebtedness**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

**SUMMARY:** In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, the IRS is issuing temporary regulations relating to the reduction of tax attributes under sections 108 and 1017 of the Internal Revenue Code. The temporary regulations affect taxpayers that exclude discharge of indebtedness income from gross income under section 108. The text of those regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations.

**DATES:** Written or electronic comments must be received by October 16, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send submissions to: CC:PA:RU (REG-113112-03), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to CC:PA:RU (REG-113112-

03), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC or sent electronically, via the IRS Internet site at: <http://www.irs.gov/regs>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theresa M. Kolish ((202) 622-7930) of the Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate) (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background and Explanation of Provisions**

Temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 1) relating to sections 108 and 1017. The temporary regulations will affect taxpayers that exclude discharge of indebtedness income from gross income under section 108. The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the amendments.

**Special Analyses**

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It has also been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedures Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations, and, because the