

involved in protecting this unique ecosystem.

Alternative C: This alternative proposes to establish and maintain the ecological integrity of natural communities on the refuge and surrounding landscape without specific emphasis or concern for any particular species or species groups. As in Alternative B, funding and staffing would increase to support the program expansions we propose, and we would construct a new administrative headquarters and visitor contact facility. Our biological program would build off the passive habitat management in Alternative A to include some habitat manipulations to create or hasten the development of mature forest structural conditions shaped by natural disturbances. Much of that would include upland forest management to diversify the age and structure of the young, even-aged stands created by past commercial uses of refuge forestland.

We would offer the same variety of programs as in Alternative B. However, we would promote more dispersed, low-density, undeveloped backcountry experiences. The only new infrastructure developments would be located at the new administrative facility. If necessary in order to promote a back-country experience in our hunting and fishing programs, we would develop a permit system, limit access, and designate hunting and fishing areas. We would continue to allow snowmobiling and remote lake camping as in Alternative B. However, we would place additional restrictions on the activities allowed at campsites to promote low-density management.

Alternative C would also include the LMRD program and furbearer management. It also builds off the proposal in Alternative A to include a refuge expansion of 76,304 acres, acquired in fee simple from willing sellers. We designed this proposal to protect and conserve large, contiguous blocks of habitat exceeding 25,000 acres and connect them to other conserved lands in the Upper Androscoggin River watershed. As in Alternative B, those expansion lands consist of high-quality, important wildlife habitat; occur in an amount and distribution that provide us the management flexibility to achieve refuge habitat goals and objectives; and, fully complement and enhance the land management of adjacent conservation partners.

After we evaluate and respond to public comments on this Draft CCP/EIS, we will prepare a Final CCP/EIS and announce its availability in the **Federal Register** for a 30-day review period. After this period, we will prepare a

Record of Decision (ROD), which is the decision document that certifies that the selected alternative meets all agency compliance requirements and achieves refuge purposes and the NWRS mission. The Regional Director signs the final CCP and ROD, which, if approved by the Director, will include the decision to expand the refuge as detailed in the Land Protection Plan.

Dated: July 18, 2006.

Richard O. Bennett,

Acting Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Job Placement and Training (Adult Vocational Training and Direct Employment)

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed renewal of information collection document.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of the Job Placement and Training (Adult Vocational Training and Direct Employment) Information Collection. This action is being taken due to the impending expiration of the existing data collection. This action will allow the Department on-going collection of data required by statute, regulation and policy.

DATE: Submit comments on or before September 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Robert W. Middleton, Ph.D., Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, either by facsimile at (202) 208-4564, or by mail to 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mailstop 20-SIB, Washington, DC 20245.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request further information or obtain copies of the proposed information collection request from Lynn Forcia, Chief, Division of Workforce Development, telephone (202) 219-5270 or Jody Garrison, Manpower Development Specialist on (202) 208-2685.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection is necessary to be in compliance with 25 CFR parts 26 and 27 and 25 U.S.C. 309 (Pub. L. 84-959 of 1956). The information is used to make

determinations of eligibility for services provided by the Department's Job Placement and Training Program (Adult Vocational Training Program). Data collection allows us to ensure uniformity of services, and to ensure current, accurate records, comply with the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) and provide sufficient data for Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART) evaluations. All information collected is retained in an individual case record and is used for case management/case planning purposes by the service provider. Data collected will be retained for three years.

Request for Comments: The Department of the Interior requests your comments on this collection concerning:

(a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 18, South Interior Building, during the hours of 8 a.m. 5 p.m., EST Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0062.

Type of review: Renewal.

Title: 25 CFR parts 26 and 27.

Brief Description of Collection: Data Collection using this form is submitted

voluntarily to obtain or retain a benefit; namely, vocational training.

Respondents: Individuals seeking financial assistance for Adult vocational training, job placement and related supportive services in accordance with 25 CFR part 26 and part 27 complete this data collection instrument.

Number of Respondents: 4,900.

Estimated Time per Response: We estimate one-half hour to complete the form for each applicant.

Frequency of Response: Each applicant will complete the form one time, upon application for benefits.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: We estimate a total of 4,900 applicants in one year times one-half hour to complete the form equals total burden hours per year of 2,450 hours.

Dated: June 26, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Building Tribal Energy Development Capacity

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Grant program to build tribal energy development capacity.

SUMMARY: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorizes the Secretary to provide development grants to Indian tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations for use in developing or obtaining the managerial and technical capacity needed to develop energy resources on Indian land, and to properly account for resulting energy production and revenues. In furtherance of this goal, the Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development is soliciting proposals from tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations. The Department will award several grants of up to \$50,000 each for this program.

DATES: Submit grant proposals by August 6, 2007. We will not consider grant proposals received after this date.

ADDRESSES: You must submit the Tribal Energy Development Capacity proposal by mail or hand-carry to the Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Attention: Tribal Energy Development Capacity Proposal, Room 20—South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Darryl Francois, Program Analyst, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Room 20—South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245, Telephone (202) 219-0740 or Fax (202) 208-4564.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title V, Section 503 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) amends Title XXVI (Indian Energy) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to offer Indian tribes the opportunity to enter into a Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA) with the Department of the Interior. The intent of these agreements is to promote tribal oversight and management of energy and mineral resource development on tribal lands and further the goal of Indian Self-Determination. A TERA offers a tribe an entirely new alternative for entering into energy-related business agreements and leases and for granting rights-of-way for pipelines and electric transmission and distribution lines without the Secretary's review and approval.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires that the Secretary, before approving a TERA with a tribe, make a determination of a tribe's capacity to manage the full scope of administrative, regulatory, and energy resource development that the tribe proposes to assume under an approved TERA.

Recognizing that a tribe wanting to enter into a TERA with the Department may need technical assistance in building its management capacity, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 also authorizes the Secretary to provide development grants to Indian tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations for use in developing or obtaining the managerial and technical capacity needed to develop energy resources on Indian land, and to properly account for resulting energy production and revenues. In furtherance of this goal, the Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting proposals from tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations to achieve the following goals:

- Evaluate the type and range of energy development activities that a tribe may want to assume under a TERA.
- Determine the current level of scientific, technical, administrative, or financial management capacity of the tribe to assume responsibility for the identified development activities; and
- Determine which scientific, technical, administrative, or financial

management capacities need enhancement and what process and/or procedures the grantee may use to eliminate these capacity gaps.

A. Items To Consider Before Preparing an Application for a Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant

1. Trust Land Status

Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) funding can only be made available to Tribes whose lands are held in trust or restricted fee by the Federal government. Congress has appropriated these funds to develop tribal capacity to manage the full scope of administrative, regulatory, and energy resource development only on Indian trust or restricted fee lands.

2. Tribes' Compliance History

All grant programs are under constant and close scrutiny by the Administration and Congress. Therefore, IEED must monitor all TEDC grants for statutory and regulatory compliance to assure that awarded funds are correctly applied to projects that the IEED is authorized to support. Tribes that expend funds on unapproved functions may forfeit remaining funds in that project year, as well as future year TEDC funding. Consequently, IEED may request a tribe to provide a summary of any funds they have received in past years through award programs administered by IEED, and IEED may conduct a review of award expenditures before making a decision on current year proposals.

3. BIA Sanction List

Tribes who are on the BIA's list of sanctioned tribes with a Level 1 rating will not be considered for an award.

4. Multi-Year Projects

The TEDC program cannot award multi-year funding for a project. Funding available for building energy development capacity is subject to annual appropriations by Congress and therefore IEED can only consider single-year projects. Therefore, Tribal Energy Development Capacity projects should be designed to be completed in one year.

5. What the Tribal Energy Development Capacity Award Cannot Fund

As stated above, these funds are used specifically to assist tribes in an assessment of their ability to manage the full scope of administrative, regulatory, and energy resource development work only. Examples of items that cannot be funded include, but are not limited to the following: