Material changes were made to the Loan Guarantee Agreement form, LGA10, to reflect the program change increasing the threshold amounts from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 in average outstanding balance and minimum outstanding balance to obtain “preferred lender” and “performance lender” designations. The Department also updated both its Loan Guarantee Agreement form and Loan Insurance Agreement form to increase the timeframe in which closing must occur following issuance of a loan guarantee certificate from 60 to 90 days and to add provisions that will allow the Department to publicize successful financing projects.

The Department has also adjusted its burden hour estimates based on past experience with the program, refining the number of applications it expects to receive and the time it takes to complete them.

II. Request for Comments

The Department requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our 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 conduct, 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 Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW., Mail Stop 20–SIB, Washington, DC 20245 during the hours of 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The OMB has up to 60 days to make a decision on the submission for renewal, but may make the decision after 30 days. Therefore, to receive the best consideration of your comments, you should submit them closer to 30 days after 60 days.

III. Data


Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows IEED to implement the Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program, 25 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., the purpose of which is to encourage private lending to individual Indians and Indian organizations by providing lenders with loan guarantees or loan insurance to reduce their potential risk. The information collection allows IEED to determine the eligibility and credit-worthiness of respondents and loans and otherwise ensure compliance with Program requirements. This information collection includes the use of several forms. Response is required to obtain a benefit.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection. Respondents: Lenders, including commercial banks, and borrowers, including individual Indians and Indian organizations.

Number of Respondents: 295. Total Number of Responses: 1,357. Frequency of Response: As needed. Estimated Time per Response: Ranging from 0.5 to 2 hours. Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,644 hours.


Alvin Foster,
Acting Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Tax Credit Bonds for Bureau of Indian Affairs-Funded Schools; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Office of Facilities, Environmental, and Cultural Resources (OFECR), in the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, is submitting the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal: “Tax Credit Bonds for Bureau of Indian Affairs-Funded Schools,” OMB Control Number 1076–0173. The current approval expires on April 30, 2010.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–5806 or you may send an e-mail to: OMB_DOCET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Bernadette Myers, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Facilities, Environmental and Cultural Resources, 2051 Mercator Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191; or e-mail to: bernadette.myers@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernadette Myers (703) 390–6655.
I. Abstract

This information collection allows OFECR to receive written applications for allocations of the $400,000,000 in Tax Credit Bonding Authority granted to the Secretary as a result of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) of 2009. This bonding authority is for the purpose of the construction, rehabilitation and repair of BIA-funded schools. Indian tribes interested in obtaining an allocation of the bonding authority to finance construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a BIA-funded elementary or secondary school or dormitory must provide certain information as part of the application. The information collection allows OFECR to determine whether the project is eligible to be considered for an allocation. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection. OFECR obtained an emergency approval of this information collection from OMB to allow it to solicit applications for tax credit bonds. See 74 FR 56211 (October 30, 2009). OMB’s approval for the information collection expires April 30, 2010. Because the tax credit bond authority extends through calendar year 2010, OFECR is requesting a renewal of the OMB authority to collect information from Indian tribes through applications.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on information collection requests. OFECR is proceeding with this public comment period as the first step in obtaining renewal of the information collection clearance from OMB. OFECR has adjusted its estimated number of respondents and responses downward based on its experience during the first six months of collecting this information. Each clearance request contains (1) type of review, (2) title, (3) summary of the collection, (4) respondents, (5) frequency of collection, (6) reporting and record keeping requirements.

II. Request for Comments

If you would like to comment on this information collection, please send your comments to the location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our 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 conduct 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 during the hours of 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0173.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Title: Tax Credit Bonds for Bureau of Indian Affairs-Funded Schools.
Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information is required to apply for allocations of the $400,000,000 in Tax Credit Bonding Authority granted to the Secretary as a result of the ARRA of 2009. This bonding authority is for the purpose of the construction, rehabilitation and repair of BIA-funded schools. The information collection allows BIA to determine whether the project is eligible to be considered for an allocation. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection. Response is required to obtain a benefit.

Respondents: Indian tribal governments.
Number of Respondents: 4.
Estimated Time per Response: 40 hours.
Frequency of Response: Once, on occasion.
Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 160 hours.
Alvin Foster,
Acting Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Federal Acknowledgment of Indian Tribes; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Department of the Interior, Office of Federal acknowledgment (OFA) is submitting the information collection Documented Petitions for the Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR part 83 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0104, which expires April 30, 2010. The information collection allows OFA to determine whether an Indian group meets the regulatory criteria for acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–5806 or you may send an e-mail to: OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS–34B SIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 219–3008; e-mail: Lee.Fleming@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Lee Fleming (202) 513–7650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

OFA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 83, to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe is a prerequisite to the protection, services and benefits of the Federal government available to Indian Tribes by virtue of their status as Indian Tribes. Approval for this collection expires April 30, 2010. Three forms are used as part of this information collection; but no changes to the forms...