

likely be. HUD can then determine how much of the annual appropriation will be available for new projects (once all the funding for renewals is covered), or in years of budget shortages, how much CoCs will be advised to cut from their total funding to meet the amount of funds available.

The optional board requirement questions in the registration forms are an important part of the registration process. To meet the performance goals established by statute, CoCs will need to significantly increase their capacity for strategy, planning, monitoring, and evaluation. In addition, the HEARTH Act and the 24 CFR part 578 allow for the development of United Funding Agencies (UFAs), a significant change to the structure of the CoC and the relationship between HUD and grantees. For the CoCs that seek UFA status, they must demonstrate that they have the operational capacity and a high functioning CoC Board that can serve as the sole manager of their projects, in order to qualify. With UFA established by statute and regulation, HUD needs as much information as possible regarding the baseline operational readiness of CoCs, and the few CoCs that may apply as a UFA will need to provide more information during the Registration process. As recently as the FY2013 competition, only 16 CoCs applied for UFA status, three were conditionally approved, and ultimately only two met the high standards of management and organizational capacity needed to serve this function. Providing all CoCs with the option of reporting their Board status will allow HUD to prepare for UFA applications and estimate how our program resources will need to be allocated over the next few years of program implementation.

Respondents: (i.e. affected public): States, local governments, private nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, and community mental health associations that are public nonprofit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 410 Respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses: 410 responses per year.

Frequency of Response: Once a year.

Average Hours per Response: Two to three hours per response (two for most applicants and three for UFA applicants).

Total Estimated Burdens: 840 hours.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

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

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: November 12, 2014.

Colette Pollard,

*Department Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Revision of Agency Information Collection for Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval for the revision of collection of information for the Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0131, which expires November 30, 2014.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to: Ms.

Evangeline Campbell, Chief, Division of Human Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., MS-4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208-5113; email: Evangeline.Campbell@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Evangeline Campbell, (202) 513-7621. You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The BIA is seeking to revise the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 23, related to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). BIA collects information using a consolidated caseload form, which tribal ICWA program directors fill out. BIA uses the information to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian communities, assess ICWA program effectiveness, and provide data for the annual program budget justification. The aggregated report is not considered confidential. A response is required to obtain and/or retain a benefit.

The revision includes changes to the existing form, reducing which is now, Part A—Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Data, and adds a new section, Part B—Tribal Child Abuse Neglect Data. Part A—ICWA Data has been simplified, including fewer categories that were no longer considered useful for planning purposes, based on feedback received from BIA Regional staff. Part B—Tribal Child Abuse and Neglect Data is a new section. Part B only applies to tribes that operate child protection programs.

Copies of the forms are available on the Web site at <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/index.htm> for review and comment. We estimate the hourly burden for Part A—ICWA Data will be reduced, from 30 minutes to 15 minutes, and when applicable, Part B—Tribal Child Abuse and Neglect Data is estimated to take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

II. Request for Comments

On September 8, 2014, BIA published a notice announcing the revision of this information collection and provided a 60-day comment period in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 53206). There were no comments received in response to this notice.

The BIA 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.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, 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. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0131.

Title: Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report.

Brief Description of Collection: The BIA is seeking to revise the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 23, related to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The revisions includes changing the name of the collection (previously identified as Indian Child Welfare Assistance Report, 25 CFR part 83) to "Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report." BIA simplified the previous form, which is now Part A—Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Data. The changes includes few categories that are no longer considered useful for planning purposes, based on feedback received from BIA regional staff. In addition, a new form has been added, Part B—Tribal Child Abuse and Neglect Data. This form must completed by tribes that operate child protection programs.

Submission of this information by Indian tribes allows BIA to consolidate and review selected data on Indian child welfare cases. The data is useful on a local level, to the tribes and tribal entities that collect it, for case management purposes. The data are useful on a nationwide basis for planning and budget purposes.

Response is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Type of Review: Revision of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Indian tribes or tribal entities that are operating programs for Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents:

Approximately 536 per year, on average, for Part A—ICWA Data; approximately 200 per year, on average, for Part B—Tribal Child Abuse Neglect Data.

Frequency of Response: Four times per year for the Part A—ICWA Data; if applicable, four times per year for Part B—Tribal Child Abuse Neglect Data.

Estimated Time per Response:

Approximately 15 minutes for Part A—ICWA Data; approximately 15 minutes for Part B—Tribal Child Abuse and Neglect Data.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 736 hours, on average.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: \$0.

Dated: November 13, 2014.

Elizabeth K. Appel,

Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Snow Mountain Solar Project on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation, Clark County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as lead agency in cooperation with the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe (Tribe), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and other Federal agencies, intend to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will evaluate a proposed photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation project on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation and a transmission line located on tribal lands, private lands and/or Federal lands administered and managed by BLM in Clark County, Nevada.

This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify potential issues related to the EIS. It also announces that

public scoping meetings will be held in Nevada to identify potential issues, alternatives, and mitigation to be considered in the EIS.

DATES: The date and location of the public scoping meeting will be published in the *Las Vegas Sun and Las Vegas Review-Journal* at least 15 days before the scoping meeting. Written comments on the scope of the EIS or implementation of the proposal must arrive by December 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, email, or hand carry written comments to either Mr. Paul Schlafly, Natural Resource Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Paiute Agency, 180 North 200 East, Suite 111, P.O. Box 720, St. George, Utah 84770; telephone: (435) 674-9720; email: paul.schlafly@bia.gov, or Mr. Chip Lewis, BIA Western Regional Office, 2600 North Central Avenue, 4th Floor Mailroom, Phoenix, Arizona 85004; telephone: (602) 379-6782; email: chip.lewis@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Federal action, taken under 25 U.S.C. 415, is BIA's approval of a solar energy ground lease and associated agreements entered into by the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe with a subsidiary of First Solar, Inc. (First Solar) to provide for construction and operation of an up-to 100 megawatt (MW) alternating current solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation facility located entirely on the Las Vegas Paiute Snow Mountain Reservation and specifically on lands held in trust by the United States for the Tribe. The Project would interconnect to an adjacent substation via a short 138 kilovolt or 230 kilovolt (kV) line that may be located on Tribal lands, private lands and/or Federal lands administered and managed by BLM. First Solar has accordingly requested that the BIA and BLM additionally approve right-of-ways (ROWs) authorizing the construction and operation of the transmission line. Together, the proposed solar energy facility, transmission line, and other associated facilities will make up the proposed Snow Mountain Solar Project (Project).

The Project would be located in Township 18 South, Range 59 East, Sections 34, 35, and 36 Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, and access to the Project would be provided by U.S. Highway 95, Paiute Drive, and/or an upgrade to an existing road that crosses next to the proposed Project site. The generation facility would generate electricity using First Solar's solar PV panels. Also included would be inverters, a collection system, an on-site substation to step-up the voltage to