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Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1996, is in Terrebone Parish in southeast Louisiana. The 4,212-acre refuge is composed of freshwater marsh and cypress-tupelo swamp. The refuge provides excellent habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, and neotropical migratory songbirds.

Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, established in 2001, is in Saint Mary Parish in southeast Louisiana. The 19,113-acre refuge is composed of bottomland hardwood and cypress-gum forests. The refuge provides habitat for the threatened Louisiana black bear, as well as high-quality habitat for migratory birds.

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: December 19, 2006.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Announcement of Fund Availability, Competitive Grant Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: This notice informs Indian tribes that grant funds are available through a Competitive Grant Program and that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications from eligible interested entities. To encourage greater tribal participation in this initiative, IEED is offering grants to assist federally-recognized Indian tribes in preparing tribal plans designed for participation in Public Law 102-477.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before April 18, 2007. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver applications to: Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, *Attention:* Lynn Forcia, Chief, Division of Workforce Development, Mail Stop 20-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245. Potential applicants should fax a request for a copy of the guidance to (202) 208-6991.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Forcia, (202) 219-5270 or Jody Garrison, (202) 208-2685.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This solicitation consists of six parts.

- Part I provides the funding description and background information.
- Part II describes the selection criteria.
- Part III provides the form and content of application submission.
- Part IV provides application review information.
- Part V provides information for selection and non-selection of applicants for award.
- Part VI describes the authority which grants this solicitation for applications for this grant.

I. Background

Congress enacted Public Law 102-477 (477) on October 23, 1992, with full tribal participation, and it was implemented on January 1, 1994. The 477 initiative is a program that enables tribes to consolidate Federal funds and devote up to 25 percent of their total resources for economic development projects. The 477 Tribal Work Group, composed of existing grantees, has provided training for tribes wishing to participate in this program.

Independent studies, congressional testimony, the Office of Management and Budget's PART review, and 477 participating tribes have all recognized 477 as an innovative and successful program of benefit to tribes. However, the program has grown slowly over the past 12 years. Many tribes not a part of 477 have lacked the opportunity to determine whether their participation in this program would be suitable for their communities.

To encourage greater tribal participation in this highly successful initiative, the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is offering grants to assist tribes to develop 477 plans. A limited number of tribal grantees chosen, on a competitive basis, will be provided funding up to \$25,000 to develop a 477 plan, which will meet statutory requirements.

II. Selection Criteria

IEED will select applicants for the grant funding based upon the following criteria:

- 40 percent need—the tribe's demonstration that it lacks resources necessary to prepare a plan;
- 30 percent—the extent to which the tribal staff responsible for implementation of the program will have been involved in the preparation of a plan; and

- 30 percent—the extent to which job creation and/or job accessibility activities are planned.

In order to be considered eligible for consideration, tribes must document successful audits for the past 2 years.

III. Form and Content of Application Submission

All applications must contain the following information or documentation:

- (1) Standard Form 424, Application for Financial Assistance.
- (2) Budget not to exceed \$25,000, which identifies proposed expenses (1-2 pages).
- (3) Narrative (not to exceed 5 pages) which—
 - (a) Identifies the Federal programs the tribe intends to incorporate into the 477 plan, with estimated funding levels;
 - (b) Explains the tribe's need for financial assistance to prepare a plan;
 - (c) States why the tribe intends to participate in Public Law 102-477 and the expected measurable outcome; and,
 - (d) Provides the contact person's name, address, and fax and telephone numbers.
- (4) One copy of the single audit for the past 2 years, if tribe is required to complete audits.

IV. Application Review Information

Within 30 days of receiving the application, IEED will acknowledge receipt by letter to the applicant. The application will be reviewed for completeness to determine if it contains all of the items required. If the application is incomplete or ineligible, it will be returned to the applicant with an explanation from the Division of Workforce Development.

A review team will evaluate all applications and make overall recommendations based on factors such as eligibility, application completeness, and conformity to application requirements. They will score the applications based on criteria under the heading "Selection Criteria." All applications that are complete and eligible will be ranked competitively based on the criteria under the heading "Form and Content of Application Submission."

V. Notification of Selection/Non-Selection

Those tribes selected to participate will be notified by letter. Tribes will be notified within 60 days of the application deadline. Upon notification, each tribe selected will be awarded a grant.

The Chief, Division of Workforce Development will notify each tribe of non-selection.

VI. Authority

This notice is published in accordance with Public Law 102-477 and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Amendment.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an approval of the amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for regulation of Class III gaming between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the State of Oregon.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 19, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This amendment expands the distribution of the funds in the Fund Administration to the tribes' political subdivisions and clarifies that local government bodies includes school districts and individual schools.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes approval of the compact between the Sovereign Indian Nation of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and the Sovereign State of Iowa.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 19, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This compact allows for the extension of the current compact and clarifies the regulatory scheme.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an approval of the Tribal-State Gaming Compact for regulation of Class III gaming between the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the State of Oregon.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 19, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public

Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This compact establishes regulatory, oversight and monitoring roles between the parties. The division of regulatory, oversight and monitoring roles in this compact reserves for the tribe the primary responsibility for regulating Class III gaming on tribal land; however, this compact provides the State of Oregon, acting through the Oregon State Police, with important monitoring and oversight responsibilities to assure the fairness, integrity, security and honesty of the Class III gaming.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Michael D. Olsen,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-926-07-1910-BJ-5GEV]

Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5124 or (406) 896-5009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the Cheyenne River Agency, through the Great Plains Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs and was necessary to determine Trust and Tribal lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

Black Hills Meridian, South Dakota

T. 8 N., R. 23 E.

The plat, in 2 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Second Standard Parallel North, through Range 23 East, a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of section 5, a portion of the