

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.

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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

are proposed as part of this renewal. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection. There is no change to the approved burden hours for this information collection.

II. Request for Comments

OFA 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. This information collection expires April 30, 2010.

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, 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.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0104.

Title: Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR Part 83.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows OFA to review applications for the Federal acknowledgment of a group as an Indian Tribe. The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR part 83 contain seven criteria that unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these regulations provide anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by

the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Respondents are not required to retain copies of information submitted to OFA but will probably maintain copies for their own use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping requirement included in this information collection. Response is required to obtain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes.

Number of Respondents: 10 per year, on average.

Total Number of Responses: 10 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Time per Response: 2,075 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 20,750 hours.

Dated: April 20, 2010.

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Acting Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying the Tanana River in Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State of Alaska has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest from the United States in those lands underlying the Tanana River in Interior Alaska. The State asserts that the Tanana River was navigable and unreserved at the time of Statehood; therefore title to the submerged lands passed to the State at the time of Statehood (1959).

DATES: All comments to this action should be received on or before July 28, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the State of Alaska's application or the BLM Draft Summary Report must be filed with the Chief, Branch of Survey Planning and

Preparation (AK–927), Division of Cadastral Survey, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Callie Webber, Navigability Section Chief, at the above address, (907) 271–3167, or cwebber@blm.gov, or visit the BLM Recordable Disclaimer of Interest Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/rdi.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 10, 2006, the State of Alaska filed an application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act and the regulations contained in 43 CFR subpart 1864 for the lands underlying the Tanana River (FF–94683). A Recordable Disclaimer of Interest, if issued, will confirm that the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. The notice is intended to notify the public of the pending application and the State's reasons for supporting it. The State asserts that this river was navigable at the time of Statehood, and therefore, ownership of the lands underlying the river automatically passed from the United States to the State at the time of Statehood in 1959, pursuant to the Equal Footing Doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, the Submerged Lands Act of 1988, the Alaska Statehood Act, or any other legally cognizable reason.

The State's application, FF–94683, is for "all submerged lands lying within the bed of the Tanana River, between the ordinary high water lines of the left and right banks from its origins at the confluence with the Chisana and the Nabesna Rivers within Section 29 and 30, Township 15 North, Range 19 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska, flowing generally northwesterly to all points of confluence with the Yukon River in Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 22 West, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska." The State did not identify any known adverse claimant or occupant of the affected lands.

A final decision on the merits of the application will not be made before July 28, 2010. During the 90-day period, interested parties may comment on the State's application, FF–94683, and supporting evidence. Interested parties may also comment during this time on the BLM's Draft Summary Report.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Alaska State Office (*see ADDRESSES* above), during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.