

responsibilities are already fully specified in the existing funding agreement with the Office of Self-Governance (OSG), an MOU is not necessary. To the extent that the parties desire specific program standards, an MOU will be negotiated between the Tribe/Consortium and BTFA, which will be binding on both parties and attached and incorporated into the OSG funding agreement. If a Tribe/Consortium decides to assume the operation of a BTFA program, the new funding for performing that program will come from BTFA program dollars. A Tribe's newly assumed operation of the BTFA program(s) will be reflected in the Tribe's OSG funding agreement.

H. Eligible Appraisal and Valuation Services Office Programs

The mission of the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO) is to provide credible, timely, and efficient valuation services to ensure the Department's fiduciary responsibilities are met for Tribes and beneficiaries in trust and restricted-fee real property transactions, and to uphold public trust in Federal real property transactions. AVSO provides appraisal, valuation, mineral evaluation, and real property consulting expertise to Indian beneficiaries, Federal clients, and other stakeholders in accordance with the highest professional and ethical standards and is responsible for all real property appraisal and valuation services within the Department of the Interior. AVSO is comprised of three regions (Western, Central and Eastern) serving all of Indian Country as well as all DOI bureaus, agencies and offices. AVSO's Mineral Evaluations Division is tasked with providing mineral assessments and evaluations for DOI.

These and other activities may be available for inclusion in self-governance funding agreements depending upon availability of funds, the need for specific services, and the self-governance Tribe's demonstration of a special geographic, cultural, or historical significance. Tribes may obtain further information on specific activities that may be available for inclusion in a self-governance funding agreement.

Some elements of the following non-exclusive list of AVSO programs, functions, services and activities may be eligible for inclusion in a self-governance funding agreement:

- Appraisal and valuation functions for Indian trust and restricted fee real property;
- Appraisal review function for appraisals prepared for Departmental use;

- Appraisal and valuation functions for Federal real property;
- Appraisals and evaluation functions for Indian and Federal minerals; and
- Real property consultation services.

The MOU between the Tribe/Consortium and AVSO outlines the roles and responsibilities for the performance of the AVSO program by the Tribe/Consortium. An MOU will be negotiated between the Tribe/Consortium and AVSO, which will be binding on both parties and attached and incorporated into the OSG funding agreement. If a Tribe/Consortium decides to assume the operation of an AVSO program, the new funding for performing that program will come from AVSO program dollars. A Tribe's newly-assumed operation of an AVSO program will be reflected in the Tribe's OSG funding agreement.

IV. Principles Governing Non-BIA Self-Governance Programs Eligible for Inclusion in Self-Governance Funding Agreements

Based on feedback from Consultation, the Department includes in this year's **Federal Register** Notice general guidance on principles governing non-BIA self-governance programs eligible for inclusion in self-governance funding agreements. As a foundational matter, self-governance compacts may include Federal programs, services, functions, or activities administered by the Department other than through the Bureau of Indian Affairs that are otherwise available to Indian tribes or Indians. Self-governance compacts may also include other programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof which are of special geographic, historical, or cultural significance to the participating Indian tribe requesting a compact. The Department has interpreted this language as granting the government discretion to fund programs that may coincidentally benefit Indians but that are national in scope and are not by definition programs for the benefit of Indians because of their status as Indians.

Pursuant to S.O. 3403, the Departments' agencies have a directive to facilitate agreements with Tribes to collaborate in the co-stewardship of Federal lands and waters and to strengthen Tribal homelands. Pursuant to Executive Order 13175, in implementing the Act the Department supports Tribal sovereignty and self-determination and encourages Indian Tribes to develop their own policies to achieve the objectives of the Act for non-BIA Programs. Where possible, the Department will defer to Indian Tribes to establish standards for non-BIA

Programs. Together, these policy documents demonstrate, and the Department reiterates, a desire to further inclusion of non-BIA programs in self-governance funding agreements.

V. Programmatic Target for Fiscal Year 2025

The programmatic target for Fiscal Year 2025 provides that, upon request of a self-governance Tribe, each non-BIA bureau will negotiate funding agreements for its eligible programs beyond those already negotiated.

Bryan Newland,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications To Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2026 or Calendar Year 2026

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application deadline.

SUMMARY: The Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 1, 2025, deadline for Indian tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2026 or calendar year 2026.

DATES: Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 1, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications to Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 3259- MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vickie Hanvey, Office of Self-Governance, (mail to: Vickie.Hanvey@bia.gov); Telephone (918) 931–0745. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 25 U.S.C. 5362(b) of the Practical Reforms and Other Goals To Reinforce the Effectiveness of Self-Governance and Self-Determination (PROGRESS Act), the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of Self-Governance, may select not more than

50 new Indian Tribes per year from those eligible tribes. The application deadline listed in the **DATES** section is predicated upon providing the parties enough time to complete funding agreement negotiations in advance of the fiscal year or calendar year start date of the 2026 funding agreement. The PROGRESS Act mandates that copies of the funding agreements be sent at least 90 days before the proposed effective date to each Tribe that is served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and wants to participate in a funding agreement. Initial negotiations with a Tribe/consortium located in a region and/or agency which has not previously been involved with self-governance negotiations will take approximately 2 months from start to finish. Agreements for an October 1 to September 30 funding year need to be signed and submitted by July 1. Agreements for a January 1 to December 31 need to be signed and submitted by October 1.

Purpose of Notice

Under 25 U.S.C. 5362(c), which supersedes the eligibility criteria in 25 CFR part 1000, subpart B, to be eligible to participate in self-governance, an Indian Tribe must:

- (1) successfully complete the planning phase outlined below;
- (2) request participation in self-governance by resolution or other official action by the Tribal governing body; and
- (3) demonstrate for the 3 fiscal years preceding the date on which the Tribe requests participation, fiscal stability and financial management capability as evidenced by the Indian Tribe having no uncorrected significant and internal audit exceptions in the required annual audit of its self-determination or self-governance agreements with any Federal agency.

An Indian Tribe seeking to begin participation in self-governance must complete the planning phase. The planning phase must:

- (1) be conducted to the satisfaction of the Indian Tribe; and
- (2) include:
 - (i) legal and budgetary research; and
 - (ii) internal Tribal governing planning, training, and organizational preparation.

Applicants should be guided by the referenced requirements in preparing their applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2026 and calendar year 2026. Copies of these requirements may be obtained from the information contact person identified in this notice.

Tribes/consortia wishing to be considered for participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2026 or calendar year 2026 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are one of the 142 tribal entities with signed self-governance agreements.

Information Collection

This information collection is authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0143, Tribal Self-Governance Program, which expires February 28, 2026.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reservation
proclamation.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 199.73 acres, more or less, an addition to the reservation of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas.

DATES: This proclamation was made on December 13, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carla Clark, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Box #44, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104, carla.clark@bia.gov, (505) 563–3132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

A proclamation was issued according to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. 5110) for the lands described below. The lands are proclaimed to be the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas Reservation for the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas in Maverick County, Texas.

Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas Reservation, Maverick County, Texas, Legal Descriptions Containing 199.73 Acres, More or Less

Bowles Property 840 ST 1004

The land is described as surface and surface rights only in and to a 199.73 acres tract of land described as a tract of land lying in Maverick County located in the following original surveys:

Original Grantee, G.C.&S.F.R.R. Co.

Survey 1, Abstract 1008, acres 114.07;

Original Grantee, Winchester Kelso,

Survey 2, Abstract 1301, acres 83.38;

Original Grantee, Adolph Haun,

Survey 33, Abstract 143, acres 2.28 for a combined total of 199.73 surface acres.

Described as a 199.73 acres tract in conveyance document to the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas recorded in Volume 667, Pages 370-*et seq.* of the Maverick County Official Public Records, Maverick County, Texas and being further described by metes and bounds as follows: (the bearings are geodetic north (true north), distances and areas shown hereon are surface, the scale factor to convert from grid to surface is 1.00009324879955236, corners called for as being set are marked on the ground with 1/2" steel stakes with plastic identifications caps stamped "DIRKSEN/6260" attached unless otherwise noted or shown).

Commencing from the ostensible east corner of the Winchester Kelso, Survey 2, Abstract 1301;

Thence S44°50'15" W 172 feet with the southeast line of Survey 2;

Thence N45°09'44" W 1157 feet to a steel stake set for The Point of Beginning in the northwest intersection of Rosita Valley Road with El Indio Highway for a northeast corner of the herein described tract;

Thence S44°41'21" W 3428.67 feet with the north right of way line of Rosita Valley Road to a steel stake found at the southeast corner of Tract 1, Block 9 of the Riverside Acres Subdivision as shown on the plat recorded in Envelope 72, Side A of the Maverick County Plat Records for an east corner of the herein described tract;

Thence N45°10'44" W 1466.07 feet to a steel stake found marked "RPLS 4134" at north corner of said Tract 1, Block 9 for a reentrant corner of the herein described tract;

Thence S44°36'03" W 6965.15 feet, with the north line of said Riverside Acres Subdivision at 6914.50 feet passing a steel stake set in line for a reference and continuing to a point on the left bank of the Rio Grande River for the southwest corner of the herein described tract;