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OMB Control Number: 1076-0143.

Type of review: Renewal.

Title: Tribal Self-Governance Program, 25 CFR Part 1000.

Brief Description of Collection: The collection involves a voluntary submission by respondents and is intended to inform Congress of activities undertaken under Tribal Self-Governance. It also involves a mandatory submission by respondents who request to be selected to begin participation in Tribal Self-Governance.

Respondents: Tribes and tribal consortia wishing to enter into a self-governance compact and funding agreement.

Number of Respondents: 106.

Estimated Time per Response: 42 Hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 11,202.

Dated: December 17, 2008.

Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia,

Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications To Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 2010 or Calendar Year 2010

AGENCY: Office of Self-Governance, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application deadline.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 2, 2009, deadline for Indian tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2010 or calendar year 2010.

DATES: Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 2, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 355-G-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance, Telephone 202-208-5734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-413), as amended by the Fiscal Year 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-208), the Director, Office of Self-Governance may select up to 50 additional participating tribes/consortia per year for the tribal self-governance program, and negotiate and enter into a written funding agreement with each participating tribe. The Act mandates that the Secretary submit copies of the funding agreements at least 90 days before the proposed effective date to the appropriate committees of the Congress and to each tribe that is served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency that is serving the tribe that is a party to the 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 funding year need to be signed and submitted by October 1.

Purpose of Notice

25 CFR parts 1000.10 to 1000.31 will be used to govern the application and selection process for tribes/consortia to begin their participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2010 and calendar year 2010. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in these subparts in preparing their applications. Copies of these subparts 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 2010 or calendar year 2010 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are: (1) Currently involved in negotiations with the Department; (2) one of the 96 tribal entities with signed agreements; or (3) one of the tribal entities already

included in the applicant pool as of the date of this notice.

Dated: December 24, 2008.

George T. Skibine,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency Determination to take land into trust under 25 CFR Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development made a final agency determination to acquire approximately 22.00 acres of land into trust for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington on December 12, 2008. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1. The duties of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs were delegated to the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development on May 23, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula L. Hart, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS-3657 MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On December 12, 2008, the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development decided to accept approximately 22.00 acres of land into trust for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Washington under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 22.00 acres are located within the exterior boundaries of the Muckleshoot Indian