

E. EIS Issues

The lead agencies have preliminarily identified the following environmental elements for discussion in the EIS:

Earth (geology, soils, topography)

- Air Quality;
- Water (surface water movement/quantity, runoff/absorption, flooding, groundwater movement/quantity/quality);
- Plants and Animals;
- Energy Use;
- Noise;
- Land Use and Socioeconomics (land use patterns, relationship to plans/policies and regulations; population; housing and displacements);
- Environmental Justice (disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority and low income populations);
- Historic and Cultural Resources;
- Aesthetics, Light and Glare;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Public Services and Utilities (fire, police, parks/recreation, communications, water, stormwater, sewer, solid waste); and
- Transportation (transportation systems, parking, movement/circulation, traffic hazards).

Questions may be directed to the individual named in this notice under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: May 30, 2006.

Nelson R. Bregon,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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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 July 7, 2006. 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 18-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20240. 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 477 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 of up to \$25,000 to develop a 477 plan that will meet statutory requirements.

II. Selection Criteria

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

- 40 percent—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: May 22, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting 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 Interim Compact between the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the state of Montana regarding Class III Gaming on the Rocky Boy's Reservation.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 7, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, 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 allows for the expansion of the Tribe's number of machines, prize limits, wager limits, and adopts technical standards for electronic games of chance.

Dated: May 16, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Federal Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, Kenilworth Tract Coal Lease Application UTU-81893.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management-Utah State Office will offer certain coal resources described below as the Kenilworth Tract (UTU-81893) in Carbon County, Utah, for competitive sale by sealed bid, in accordance with the provisions for competitive lease sales in 43 CFR 3422.2(a), and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday June 8, 2006. The bid must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the address indicated below, and must be received on or before 10 a.m., Thursday, June 8, 2006. The Cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Any bid received after the time specified will not be considered and will be returned. The outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid must clearly state that envelope contains a bid for Coal Lease Sale UTU-81893, and is not to be opened before the date and hour of the sale.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management in the Monument Conference Room, Fifth Floor, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Sealed bids can be hand delivered to the cashier, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, or may be mailed to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Perkes, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101-1345 or telephone 801-539-4036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Coal Lease Sale is being held in response to

a lease by application (LBA) filed by Andalex Resources Inc. The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves available in the following described lands located in Carbon County, Utah approximately eight miles northeast of Helper, Utah on private lands with federally administered minerals:

T. 12 S., R. 10 E., SLM, Carbon County, Utah
 Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 34, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$.
 Containing 1,760.00 acres

The Kenilworth coal tract has one or more minable coal beds. The minable portions of the Castlegate A coal bed in this area is around six to twelve feet in thickness. The Castlegate A bed contains more than 14.9 million tons of recoverable high-volatile A bituminous coal. The Kenilworth coal bed may be recoverable but further analysis will be required through. The estimated coal quality in the Castlegate A coal bed on an “as received basis” is as follows:

13,060	Btu/lb.,
2.92	Percent moisture,
7.61	Percent ash,
41.82	Percent volatile matter,
47.83	Percent fixed carbon,
0.41	Percent sulfur.

The Kenilworth Tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid equals or exceeds the Fair Market Value (FMV) for the tract as determined by the authorized officer after the Sale. The Department of the Interior has established a minimum bid of \$100 per acre or fraction thereof for the tracts. The minimum bid is not intended to represent the FMV. The lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, a royalty rate of 12.5 percent of the value of coal mined by surface methods, and a royalty of 8 percent of the value of the coal produced by underground mining methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

The required Detailed Statement, including bidding instructions for the offered tracts and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease, is available from Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 or in the Public Room (Room 500), 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. All case file documents and written comments submitted by the public on Fair Market Value or royalty rates except those portions identified as