

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-N-22]

Notice of Availability: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiments Grant Program**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the availability on its Web site of the applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiments Grant Program. This NOFA announces the availability of approximately \$600,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 funding to support scientific research that makes use of natural experiments to evaluate the impacts of local, state, and federal policies.

The notice providing information regarding the application process, funding criteria and eligibility requirements can be found using the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency link on the Grants.gov/Find Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/search/agency.do>. A link to Grants.gov is also available on the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm>. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 14.524. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Program staff will not be available to provide guidance on how to prepare the application. Questions regarding the 2010 General Section should be directed to the Office of Grants Management and Oversight at (202) 708-0667 or the NOFA Information Center at 800-HUD-8929 (toll free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

Dated: January 25, 2011.

Barbara S. Dorf,*Director, Office of Departmental Grants, Management and Oversight, Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer.*

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BILLING CODE P**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 2012 or Calendar Year 2012****AGENCY:** Office of Self-Governance, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Application Deadline.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes a March 1, 2011, deadline for Indian tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2012 or calendar year 2012.

DATES: Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 1, 2011.

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 applicable Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency. 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 two 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

The regulations at 25 CFR 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 2012 and calendar year 2012. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in sections 1000.10 to 1000.31 in preparing their applications. Copies of these sections 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 2012 or calendar year 2012 must respond to this notice, except for those tribes/consortia which are: (1) Currently involved in negotiations with the Department; (2) one of the 103 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.

Information Collection

This information collection is authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0143, Tribal Self-Governance Program, which expires November 30, 2012.

Dated: January 20, 2011.

Larry Echo Hawk,*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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BILLING CODE 4310-W8-P**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[AA-12252, AA-12250, AA-12280, AA-12291, AA-12292, AA-12293; LLAK-962000-L14100000-HY0000-P]****Alaska Native Claims Selection****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to The Aleut Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The lands are located east of Sand Point, Alaska, and aggregate 86.80 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have

been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until March 2, 2011 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may contact the BLM by calling the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rising Tree Wind Farm, Kern County, CA and Possible Land Use Plan Amendment.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the California Environmental Quality Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ridgecrest Field Office, Ridgecrest, California, cooperating with Kern County, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which may include an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (1980 as amended) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the

scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS/EIR and possible plan amendment (PA). Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until March 2, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS/EIR, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS/EIR.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and alternatives related to the Rising Tree Wind Farm Draft EIS/EIR and possible CDCA PA by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>.

- *E-mail:* risingtreewind@blm.gov.

- *Fax:* (951) 697-5299.

- *Mail:* Attn: Jeffery Childers, Project Manager, BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the California Desert District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeffery Childers; telephone (951) 697-5308; address BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046; e-mail jchilders@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant, Horizon Wind Energy LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables, Inc., has requested a right-of-way (ROW) authorization to construct, operate, maintain and decommission the 234-megawatt Rising Tree Wind Farm. The proposed project is approximately three miles west of the town of Mojave and south of Highway 58 on private lands under the jurisdiction of Kern County and public lands administered by the BLM. The proposed project would include wind turbines, access roads, and energy collection lines on 2,745 acres, of which 527 acres are on public land. Pursuant to the CDCA Plan, sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in the CDCA Plan will be considered through the plan amendment process.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the Draft EIS/EIR. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions; biological resources, including special status species; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use, noise; recreation; traffic; visual resources; lands with wilderness characteristics; cumulative effects and areas of high potential for renewable energy development.

Authorization of this proposal will require amendment of the CDCA Plan. By this notice, the BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to provide for public involvement required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as described in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and tribal concerns including impacts on Indian trust assets will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

Karla Norris,

Associate Deputy State Director, California.

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