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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Implementation of Question 10 of 25 CFR Part 170, Subpart C, Indian Reservation Roads Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal Consultations.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is announcing tribal consultations to discuss a proposed change in how BIA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will implement Question 10 of 25 CFR Part 170, Subpart C. Question 10 determines the percentages that certain transportation facilities contribute to the calculation of the Relative Need Distribution Factor (RNDF) formula for Indian Reservation Road (IRR) Program funds. The determination is significant because a facility's eligibility for Federal funds will be used to determine the amount of IRR funds a tribe may be eligible to receive. The proposed change will affect the allocation of funding among tribes.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federally recognized tribes are invited to attend one or more of the following consultation sessions regarding how BIA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will implement Question 10 of 25 CFR Part 170, Subpart C. Question 10 states, in part:

10. Do All IRR Transportation Facilities in the IRR Inventory Count at 100 Percent of their CTC and VMT?

No. The CTC and VMT must be computed at the non-Federal share requirement for matching funds for any transportation facility that is added to the IRR inventory and is eligible for funding for construction or reconstruction with Federal funds, other than Federal Lands Highway Program funds.

BIA currently determines a facility’s percentage contribution based on ownership. BIA proposes to change its approach by utilizing the facility’s functional classification as the determining factor. The IRR Program falls under the Federal Highway Administration’s Federal Lands Highway Program. This approach will closely align the IRR Program with the FHWA Federal-Aid classification.

Meeting Dates and Locations

The consultation sessions will be held on the following dates, at the following locations:

Meeting date	Location	Time
July 28, 2010	Providence, RI	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
August 17, 2010	Albuquerque, NM	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
August 18, 2010	Las Vegas, NV	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
August 19, 2010	Sacramento, CA	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
August 31, 2010	Billings, MT	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
September 1, 2010	Minneapolis, MN	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
September 14, 2010	Anchorage, AK	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
September 15, 2010	Seattle, WA	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
September 21, 2010	Oklahoma City, OK	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
September 22, 2010	Rapid City, SD	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Meeting Agenda (all times local)

- 9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. (or 1 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.) Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules
- 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (or 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.) Opening and Overview
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (or 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Question 10 Directive

10:30 a.m. - 12:45 pm (or 2:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.)	Public Comment and Questions
12:45 p.m. - 1 p.m. (or 4:45 p.m. - 5 p.m.)	Closing Comments
1 p.m. (or 5 p.m.)	Adjourn

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