

As previously stated, a tribe or tribal organization that expends TEDC funds on unapproved project functions is subject to forfeiture of any remaining funds in that project year as well as sanctions against receipt of any future year TEDC funding.

### C. Submission of Application in Digital Format

Submit the application in digital form. Acceptable formats are MS Word, WordPerfect, and Adobe Acrobat PDF. Image and graphic files may be JPG, TIF, or other PC bit image file formats.

Files must be saved with filenames that clearly identify the file being submitted. File name extensions must clearly indicate the software application used for preparation of the documents (i.e., .wpd, .doc, .pdf.)

Documents requiring an original signature, such as cover letters, tribal resolutions, and other letters of tribal authorization must also be submitted in hard copy (paper) form.

If you have any additional questions concerning the Tribal Energy Development Capacity proposal submission process, please contact Darryl Francois, IEED's TEDC Coordinator at (202) 208-7253.

### D. Award Evaluation and Administrative Information

#### 1. Ranking Criteria

The proposal ranking criteria factors and associated scores as follows:

- (a) Resource potential, 25 points.
- (b) Energy development history and current status, 15 points.
- (c) Existing energy development capabilities, 20 points.
- (d) Demonstrated willingness to develop independent energy development business entity, 20 points.
- (e) Tribal funding commitment, 20 points.

#### 2. Ranking of Proposals and Award Letters

The TEDC review committee will rank the tribal energy development capacity proposals using the ranking criteria. The evaluation team will then forward the rated requests to the Director of IEED (Director) for approval. Once approved, the Director will submit all proposals to the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for concurrence and announcement of awards to the selected tribes, via written notice. Those tribes not receiving an award will also be notified immediately in writing.

### E. When to Submit

The IEED will accept applications at any time before August 6, 2007, and will send a notification of receipt to the

return address on the application package, along with a determination of whether or not the application is complete. However, the technical evaluation of the proposal will begin only after August 6, 2007.

### F. Where to Submit

Applicants must submit the Tribal Energy Development Capacity proposals to IEED at the following address: ATTN: Tribal Energy Development Capacity Proposal, South Interior Building—Room 20, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245.

A tribe may fax a complete TEDC proposal to IEED prior to the deadline for submission of proposals; however, an original signature copy, including all signed tribal resolutions and/or letters of tribal authorization, must also be received in IEED's office within five working days after the deadline.

### G. Transfer of Funds

IEED will transfer a tribe's TEDC funds to the BIA Regional Office that serves that tribe, via a sub-allotment funding document coded for the tribe's TEDC project. The tribe should be anticipating the transfer of funds and be in contact with their budget personnel contacts at the Regional and Agency office levels. Tribes receiving TEDC awards must establish a new 638 contract to complete the transfer process, or use an existing 638 contract, as applicable.

### H. Reporting Requirements for Award Recipients

#### 1. Quarterly Reporting Requirements

During the life of the TEDC project, quarterly reports are to be submitted to the IEED project coordinator assigned to your project. The beginning and ending quarter periods are to be based on the actual start date of the TEDC project. This date can be determined between the IEED project coordinator and the tribe.

The quarterly report can be a one to two page summary of events, accomplishments, problems and/or results that took place during the quarter. Quarterly reports are due two weeks after the end of a project's fiscal quarter.

#### 2. Final Reporting Requirements

- *Delivery Schedules:* The tribe must deliver all products and data generated by the proposed assessment project to IEED through the TEDC project coordinator within two weeks after completion of the project.

- *Provide Reports and Data in Digital Form.* IEED requires that deliverable products be provided in digital format,

along with printed hard copies. Reports can be provided in either MS Word or PDF format. Spreadsheet data can be provided in MS Excel or PDF formats. Images can be provided in PDF, JPEG, TIFF, or any of the Windows metafile formats.

- *Number of Copies.* When a tribe prepares a proposal for a TEDC project, it must describe the deliverable products and include a requirement that the products be prepared in standard format (see format description above). Each proposal's budget estimate will provide funding for a total of six printed and six digital copies of the final report to be distributed as follows:

(a) The tribe will receive two printed and two digital copies of the TEDC report.

(b) IEED will receive four printed copies and four digital copies of the report. IEED will transmit one of these copies to the tribe's BIA Regional Office, and one copy to the tribe's BIA Agency office.

(c) Two printed and two digital copies will then reside with IEED. These copies should be forwarded to the IEED office in Washington, DC, to the attention of the Tribal Energy Resource Agreement Office.

Dated: June 26, 2007.

**Carl J. Artman,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Steens Mountain Advisory Council— Notice of Renewal

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Renewal of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Public Law 92-463. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has renewed the Bureau of Land Management's Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

The purpose of the Council will be to advise the Secretary in managing and promoting cooperative management of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Herrema, National Landscape Conservation System (171), Bureau of Land Management, 1620 L Street, NW.,

Room 301 LS, Washington, DC 20236, telephone (202) 452-7787.

### Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the renewal of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: June 22, 2007.

**Dirk Kempthorne,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Final Environmental Impact Statement to Analyze Boundary Adjustments to and Management of the Conservation Transfer Area

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas Field Office, Nevada intends to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Las Vegas Disposal Boundary Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to analyze a possible adjustment of the boundary of the Conservation Transfer Area (CTA) referenced in the December 2004 FEIS and Record of Decision (ROD). Analysis of this possible boundary adjustment will include the management of approximately 13,400 acres of lands managed by the BLM. Under the ROD for the 2004 FEIS, approximately 5,000 acres were determined to be subject to a process of more study, collaboration, further NEPA analysis, and approval of a conservation agreement, prior to the transfer of title. The conservation agreement would determine the allowable uses to protect the resources within the CTA. Furthermore, the ROD stated that the boundary of the CTA would be adaptable to the needs and concerns of interested parties. The option was open to increase or decrease the size of the CTA with additional analysis. The SEIS to be prepared will analyze the effects of a variety of

options for a final boundary for the CTA, as well as the impacts of several proposed uses, and the effect of retention of the CTA by the United States for management by the BLM. This analysis, and any decision made on the basis of this analysis, will ensure the direction reflected in the 2004 FEIS and ROD is met. This action is consistent with the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan of 1998, as superseded by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) of 1998 and the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act (Clark County Act) of 2002.

**DATES:** Publication of this notice initiates the public scoping process. Scoping meetings will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov> at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and information should be submitted to the BLM within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail:

[Jeffrey\\_Steinmetz@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Steinmetz@nv.blm.gov).

- Fax: 702-515-5023.

- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, Attention: Jeffrey Steinmetz, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Vegas Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeffrey Steinmetz, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, by telephone (702) 515-5097 or by e-mail ([Jeffrey\\_Steinmetz@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Steinmetz@nv.blm.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM conducted 10 public stakeholder meetings from November, 2004 to August, 2005. More than 160 members of the public participated in this process. Input was received on behalf of (1) the City of Las Vegas, (2) the City of North Las Vegas, (3) conservation groups, (4) recreation groups, (5) regional governmental entities (flood, water, transportation), (6) State of Nevada, (7) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (both Ecological Services and Refuge), (8) Clark County, (9) education institutions, (10) utilities, (11) builders/developers, and (12) Native American Tribes. All meetings were open to the public. The BLM received preliminary input on a variety of topics, including vision statements, goals and objectives, boundaries, infrastructure, recreation,

education, and management options. By the end of this process, the BLM determined that a SEIS was warranted to analyze proposed boundaries and management of the CTA because the complexity of issues surrounding the CTA and the interest of local governments and citizens necessitates a comprehensive analysis of any adjustment to the boundary and/or management of the CTA, as referenced in the 2004 FEIS and ROD. The major issue themes anticipated to be addressed in the SEIS include: Impacts to air quality; impacts to surface water hydrology and water quality; protection of fossil-bearing formations; protection of federally-listed species, state-listed species, and BLM sensitive species; analysis of development scenarios based on updated local community development land use plans; impacts to visual resources; balancing conflicting and compatible land uses; protection of cultural and paleontological resources; environmental justice, social and economic impacts, cumulative impacts of the project based on build-out (build-out will include land sales and other land use authorizations); and assessment of land surface conditions.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis as well as alternatives analyzed in the SEIS. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the view he or she expressed.