

adopted in these regulations, those expressly required or modified by the Act, and those negotiated and agreed to in a self-determination contract.

**§ 900.38 Do these standards apply to the subcontractors of an Indian tribe or tribal organization carrying out a self-determination contract?**

An Indian tribe or tribal organization may require that some or all of the standards in this subpart be imposed upon its subcontractors when carrying out a self-determination contract.

**§ 900.39 What is the difference between a standard and a system?**

(a) Standards are the minimum baseline requirements for the performance of an activity. Standards establish the “what” that an activity should accomplish.

(b) Systems are the procedural mechanisms and processes for the day-to-day conduct of an activity. Systems are “how” the activity will be accomplished.

**§ 900.40 When are Indian tribe or tribal organization management standards and management systems evaluated?**

(a) Management standards are evaluated by the Secretary when the Indian tribe or tribal organization submits an initial contract proposal.

(b) Management systems are evaluated by an independent auditor through the annual single agency audit report that is required by the Act and OMB Circular A-128.

**§ 900.41 How long must an Indian tribe or tribal organization keep management system records?**

The Indian tribe or tribal organization must retain financial, procurement and property records for the minimum periods described below. Electronic, magnetic or photographic records may be substituted for hard copies.

(a) *Financial records.* Financial records include documentation of supporting costs incurred under the contract. These records must be retained for three years from the date of submission of the single audit report to the Secretary.

(b) *Procurement records.* Procurement records include solicitations, purchase orders, contracts, payment histories and records applicable of significant decisions. These records must be retained for three years after the Indian tribe or tribal organization or subcontractors make final payment and all other pending matters are closed.

(c) *Property management records.* Property management records of real and personal property transactions must be retained for three years from the date of disposition, replacement, or transfer.

(d) *Litigation, audit exceptions and claims.* Records pertaining to any litigation, audit exceptions or claims requiring management systems data must be retained until the action has been completed.

STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

**§ 900.42 What are the general financial management system standards that apply to an Indian tribe carrying out a self-determination contract?**

An Indian tribe shall expend and account for contract funds in accordance with all applicable tribal laws, regulations, and procedures.

**§ 900.43 What are the general financial management system standards that apply to a tribal organization carrying out a self-determination contract?**

A tribal organization shall expend and account for contract funds in accordance with the procedures of the tribal organization.

**§ 900.44 What minimum general standards apply to all Indian tribe or tribal organization financial management systems when carrying out a self-determination contract?**

The fiscal control and accounting procedures of an Indian tribe or tribal organization shall be sufficient to:

(a) Permit preparation of reports required by a self-determination contract and the Act; and

(b) Permit the tracing of contract funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that they have not been used in violation of any restrictions or prohibitions contained in any