

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**United States Geological Survey;
Notice of an Open Meeting of the
Advisory Committee on Water
Information (ACWI).**

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ACWI. This meeting is to discuss broad policy-related topics relating to national water initiatives, and the development and dissemination of water information, through reports from eight ACWI subgroups. The agenda will include presentation of a proposed Design for a National Water Quality Monitoring Network for Coastal Waters and Their Tributaries. The ACWI has been established under the authority of the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M92-01 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the ACWI is to provide a forum for water information users and professionals to advise the Federal Government of activities and plans that may improve the effectiveness of meeting the Nation's water information needs. Member organizations help to foster communications between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on sharing water information.

Membership represents a wide range of water resources interests and functions. Representation on the ACWI includes all levels of government, academia, private industry and professional and technical societies. Member organizations designate their representatives and alternates. Membership is limited to a maximum of 35 organizations.

DATES: The formal meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on January 18, 2006, and will adjourn on January 19, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Days Hotel and Conference Center, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Toni M. Johnson (Executive Secretary), Chief, Water Information Coordination Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 417, Reston, VA 20192. Telephone: 703-648-6810; Fax: 703-648-5644.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is open to the public. Up to a half hour will be set aside for public comment. Persons wishing to make a brief presentation (up to 5 minutes) are asked to provide a written request with a description of the general subject to Ms. Johnson at the above address no later than noon, January 6, 2006. It is requested that 40 copies of a written statement be submitted at the time of the meeting for distribution to members

of the ACWI and placement in the official file. Any member of the public may submit written information and (or) comments to Ms. Johnson for distribution at the ACWI meeting.

Dated: December 2, 2005.

Katherine Lins,

Chief, Office of Water Information.

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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
2007 or Calendar Year 2007**

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, 2006, deadline for tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 2007 or calendar year 2007.

DATES: Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance, by March 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to William A. Sinclair, Director, Office of Self-Governance, Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 4618-MIB, 1849 C Street 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) agency that is serving the tribe that is a party to the funding agreement. 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 2 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

25 CFR Parts 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 2007 and calendar year 2007.

Applicants should be guided by the requirements in these subparts in preparing their applications. Copies of these subparts 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 2007 or calendar year 2007 must respond to this notice, except for those which are: (1) Currently involved in negotiations with the Department; (2) one of the 90 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.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

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 Availability, Record of
Decision (ROD) for the Thermal Energy
Company Preference Right Lease
Applications (PRLAs), San Juan
County, NM**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: Regulations for the PRLA process require that a ROD be made available to the public. The ROD in this case is the document announcing the Bureau of Land Management's decision regarding the PRLAs submitted by the Thermal Energy Company. This action gives notice of the availability of the ROD for the PRLAs for the Thermal Energy Company.