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(d) The Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposal should be addressed to the Area Director of the appropriate Indian Health Service Area. Such proposals should be submitted, in 5 copies, well in advance of the desired beginning of support.

(e) Tribal organizations may obtain assistance in preparing Indian Self-Determination contract proposals from the IHS Area Offices. The Area Directors shall make any information available to the tribal organization which is needed in the preparation of its proposal except as may be exempt from disclosure by the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and the Department of Health and Human Services regulations thereunder, 45 CFR, part 5.

§ 36.206 Tribal clearances—initial contracts.

(a) Before the IHS may enter into a contract with a tribal organization, it must be requested to do so by the tribe. The tribe's request shall be in the form of a resolution by the tribal governing body. If the tribal organization is applying for a contract to perform services benefiting more than one tribe, an authorizing resolution from each tribal governing body must be obtained before submitting the application to IHS for approval. A tribal governing body may pass a single resolution authorizing a tribal organization to apply for, negotiate, and execute more than one contract if the resolution specifies for each contract the same information required in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) The resolution of the tribal governing body shall authorize the applicant tribal organization to apply for, negotiate and contract with the IHS subject to the specific terms, conditions and limitations of the resolution and applicable tribal laws, codes, and regulations and custom. The resolution shall include the date the resolution was approved, and signature of the person authorized to certify the accuracy of the information contained in the resolution.

(c) The tribal governing body's request (resolution) should include the following:

(1) When the tribal organization is the tribal governing body:

(i) A brief statement of the contract scope.

(ii) The tribal official authorized to negotiate the contract and any amendments thereto.

(iii) The tribal official authorized to execute the contract and any amendments thereof.

(iv) The expiration date of the authorities granted by the resolution.

(v) The extent and procedure, if any, for review of the contract and any amendments thereto by the tribal governing body before execution.

(vi) The proposed date for contract commencement.

(vii) The proposed term of the contract.

(2) When the tribal organization is other than the tribal governing body:

(i) The name of the tribal organization.

(ii) A brief statement of the contract scope.

(iii) The extent and procedure, if any, for review by the tribal governing body of the contract and any amendments thereto prior to execution by the tribal organization.

(iv) The tribal office or official to which the IHS should send copies of contract documents and correspondence.

(v) The proposed term of the contract.

(vi) The proposed date for contract commencement.

(vii) Any limitations on authorities granted the tribal organization.

(d) Any procedures specified in this section concerning the manner in which a tribal governing body passes a tribal resolution shall apply except where inconsistent with tribal constitution, law, code, ordinance, or custom. In such cases, the tribal law or procedures shall be cited in the resolution and shall take precedence.

§ 36.207 Tribal clearances—renewal contracts.

The Secretary may renew a contract for the same function(s) or programs as

the original contract at the written request of the tribal organization designated in the tribal resolution. Requests for contract renewals shall be made as follows:

(a) If the original contract provided services to only one Indian tribe, written applications for renewal shall be sent by the tribal organization to the Area Office as follows:

(1) Directly, when the tribal organization involved is the governing body of the tribe.

(2) Through the governing body of the tribe for review when the tribal organization is not the governing body of the tribe. Submission shall be made to the governing body at least 75 calendar days before the original contract expires. The tribal organization shall promptly notify the IHS Area Office in writing of the date the tribal governing body received the application. If, within 45 calendar days after receiving the application, the tribal governing body does not provide the IHS Area Director with a formal resolution objecting to the application for renewal, the absence of receipt of such a resolution shall constitute the tribe's request for renewal of the contract.

(b) If the original contract provided services to more than one Indian tribe, the tribal organization must give a copy of the written application for renewal to each tribal governing body at least 75 calendar days before the original contract expires. The tribal organization shall promptly notify the IHS Area Office where the application is to be submitted in writing, of the date the tribal governing bodies received copies of the application. If, within 45 calendar days after receiving copies of the application none of the tribal governing bodies provide the appropriate IHS Area Office with a formal resolution objecting to the application for renewal, the absence of receipt of such resolutions shall constitute the tribes' request for renewal of the contract. If one or more of the tribal governing bodies involved object to the renewal, the contract will not be made until all the tribal governing bodies have approved the request or the matter is otherwise resolved.

§ 36.208 Evaluation criteria.

(a) Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposals will be evaluated to determine:

(1) If the service to be rendered to Indian people by the proposed contract will be satisfactory;

(2) If the proposed contract will assure that trust resources are protected; and

(3) If the proposed contract will ensure proper completion and maintenance of the project or function involved. Failure to meet any of the above, may be cause for declination of the Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposal. However, the burden of proof to show cause for declination lies with the approving official.

(b) To determine if an Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposal meets the above criteria, the Area Director and his staff will consider whether the tribal organization would be deficient in performance under the contract with respect to the factors listed in this paragraph.

(1) *Equipment, buildings and facilities.* No higher standards with regard to buildings, facilities, or equipment shall be applied to tribal organizations than have previously been applied to IHS. The Indian Health Service shall make available the use of all equipment which has been allocated to the operation of the program by the IHS in the past, unless the IHS determines that the provision of such equipment will seriously interfere with the IHS's ability to provide services to Indian people in noncontracted programs. Where equipment is shared by the programs to be contracted and other non-contracted programs, equipment-sharing or other suitable arrangements will be reflected in the contract.

(2) *Bookkeeping and accounting procedures.* It must be clearly established by the Indian Health Service that the tribal organization which will undertake the contract does have an adequate accounting and bookkeeping system. IHS may assist the contractor in establishing an acceptable bookkeeping and accounting system.

(3) *Substantive knowledge of the program to be contracted.* The tribal organization shall be presumed to have substantive knowledge of the program to