email 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 to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under the authority of section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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List of Programs Eligible for Inclusion in Funding Agreements Negotiated With Self-Governance Tribes by Interior Bureaus Other Than the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Fiscal Year 2020 Programmatic Targets

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists programs or portions of programs that are eligible for inclusion in self-governance funding agreements with Indian Tribes and lists Fiscal Year 2020 programmatic targets for each of the non-Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) bureaus in the Department of the Interior (Department), pursuant to Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Act), as amended.

DATES: These programs are eligible for inclusion in self-governance funding agreements until September 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries or comments regarding this notice may be directed to Ms. Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self-Governance (MS 2071–MIB), 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240–0001, telephone: (202) 219–0240, fax: (202) 219–4246, or to the bureauspecific points of contact listed below. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance, telephone: (703) 390–6551 or (202) 821–7107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title IV of the Act instituted a permanent self-governance program at the Department. Under the selfgovernance program, certain programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof, in Department bureaus other than BIA are eligible to be planned, conducted, consolidated, and administered by a self-governance Tribe.

Under section 405(c) of the Act, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is required to publish annually: (1) A list of non-BIA programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof, that are eligible for inclusion in agreements negotiated under the selfgovernance program and (2) programmatic targets for non-BIA bureaus.

Two categories of non-BIA programs are eligible for self-governance funding agreements:

(1) Under section 403(b)(2) of the Act, any non-BIA program, service, function, or activity that is administered by the Department that is "otherwise available to Indian tribes or Indians," can be administered by a Tribe through a selfgovernance funding agreement. The Department interprets this provision to authorize the inclusion of programs eligible for self-determination contracts under Title I of the Act. Section 403(b)(2) also specifies, "nothing in this subsection may be construed to provide any tribe with a preference with respect to the opportunity of the tribe to administer programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof, unless such preference is otherwise provided for by law.'

(2) Under section 403(c) of the Act, the Secretary may include other programs, services, functions, and activities or portions thereof that are of "special geographic, historical, or cultural significance" to a selfgovernance Tribe.

Under section 403(k) of the Act, funding agreements cannot include programs, services, functions, or activities that are inherently Federal or where the statute establishing the existing program does not authorize the type of participation sought by the Tribe. However, a Tribe (or Tribes) need not be identified in the authorizing statutes in order for a program or element to be included in a selfgovernance funding agreement. While general legal and policy guidance regarding what constitutes an inherently Federal function exists, the non-BIA bureaus will determine whether a specific function is inherently Federal on a case-by-case basis considering the totality of circumstances. In those instances, where the Tribe disagrees with the bureau's determination, the Tribe may request reconsideration from the Secretary.

Subpart G of the self-governance regulations found at 25 CFR part 1000 provides the process and timelines for negotiating self-governance funding agreements with non-BIA bureaus.

Response to Comments

A special session to discuss in detail a draft 2020 non-BIA **Federal Register** Notice was held on April 4, 2019, at the 2019 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference located in the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, Michigan. Comments were requested to be provided by Friday, June 14, 2019.

Changes Made From 2019 to 2020

No requests for changes were received.

II. Funding Agreements Between Self-Governance Tribes and Non-BIA Bureaus of the Department of the Interior for Fiscal Year 2019

- A. Bureau of Land Management (2) Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments
- Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the Duckwater Reservation
- B. Bureau of Reclamation (5) Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky
 - Boy's Reservation
 - Hoopa Valley Tribe
- Karuk Tribe
- Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation C. Office of Natural Resources Revenue
- (none) D. National Park Service (3)
- Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Sitka Tribe of Alaska
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- Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation E. Fish and Wildlife Service (1)
- Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments
- F. U.S. Geological Survey (none)
- G. Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (1) Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
- H. Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (29)
 - 1. The Quapaw Tribe of Indians
 - 2. Morongo Band of Mission Indians

- 3. Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
- 4. Pueblo of Taos
- 5. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- 6. Association of Village Council Presidents
- 7. Kawerak, Inc.
- 8. Native Village of Tanana
- Tanana Chiefs Conference [includes Gwichyaa Gwich'in (aka Fort Yukon)]
- 10. Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes
- 11. Cherokee Nation
- 12. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- 13. Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- 14. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- 15. Wyandotte Nation
- 16. Oneida Nation
- 17. Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation
- 18. Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation
- 19. Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- 20. Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon
- 21. Hoopa Valley Tribe
- 22. Redding Rancheria
- 23. Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation
- 24. Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- 25. Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Oklahoma
- 26. Kaw Nation, Oklahoma
- 27. Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma
- 28. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation
- 29. Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, Nevada

III. Eligible Programs of the Department of the Interior non-BIA Bureaus

Below is a listing by bureau of the types of non-BIA programs, or portions thereof, that may be eligible for selfgovernance funding agreements because they are either "otherwise available to Indians" under Title I of the Act and not precluded by any other law, or may have "special geographic, historical, or cultural significance" to a participating Tribe. The list represents the most current information on programs potentially available to Tribes under a self-governance funding agreement.

The Department will also consider for inclusion in funding agreements other programs or activities not listed below, but which, upon request of a selfgovernance Tribe, the Department determines to be eligible under either sections 403(b)(2) or 403(c) of the Act. Tribes with an interest in such potential agreements are encouraged to begin discussions with the appropriate non-BIA bureau.

A. Eligible Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Programs

The BLM carries out some of its activities in the management of public lands through contracts and cooperative agreements. These and other activities, depending upon availability of funds, the need for specific services, and the self-governance Tribe's demonstration of a special geographic, cultural, or historical connection, may also be available for inclusion in selfgovernance funding agreements. Once a Tribe has made initial contact with the BLM, more specific information will be provided by the respective BLM State office.

Some elements of the following programs may be eligible for inclusion in a self-governance funding agreement. This listing is not all-inclusive, but is representative of the types of programs that may be eligible for Tribal participation through a funding agreement.

Tribal Services

1. Minerals Management. Inspection, enforcement and production verification of Indian coal and sand and gravel operations are already available for contracts under Title I of the Act and, therefore, may be available for inclusion in a funding agreement. In addition, in a study conducted pursuant to Secretarial Order 3377, the Office of the Solicitor determined that the following functions are available for contracts under Title I of the Act and, therefore, may be available for inclusion in a funding agreement: inspection and enforcement of Indian oil and gas operations, determining trust land locations; approving Applications for Permits to Drill; securing and enforcing bonds (for surface of split estate); and providing mineral assessments and valuation.

2. Cadastral Survey. Tribal and allottee cadastral survey services are already available for contracts under Title I of the Act and, therefore, may be available for inclusion in a funding agreement.

Other Activities

1. Cultural heritage. Cultural heritage activities, such as research and inventory, may be available in specific States.

2. Natural Resources Management. Activities such as silvicultural treatments, timber management, cultural resource management, watershed restoration, environmental studies, tree planting, thinning, and similar work, may be available in specific States.

3. Range Management. Activities, such as revegetation, noxious weed

control, fencing, construction and management of range improvements, grazing management experiments, range monitoring, and similar activities, may be available in specific States.

4. Riparian Management. Activities, such as facilities construction, erosion control, rehabilitation, and other similar activities, may be available in specific States.

5. Recreation Management. Activities, such as facilities construction and maintenance, interpretive design and construction, and similar activities may be available in specific States.

6. Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat Management. Activities, such as construction and maintenance, implementation of statutory, regulatory and policy or administrative plan-based species protection, interpretive design and construction, and similar activities may be available in specific States. 7. Wild Horse Management.

Activities, such as wild horse roundups, adoption and disposition, including operation and maintenance of wild horse facilities, may be available in specific States.

⁻ For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Bryon Loosle, Bureau of Land Management (WO–240), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 912–7240, fax (202) 452–7701.

B. Eligible Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Programs

The mission of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. To this end, most of Reclamation's activities involve the construction, operation and maintenance, and management of water resources projects and associated facilities, as well as research and development related to its responsibilities. Reclamation water resources projects provide water for agricultural, municipal and industrial water supplies; hydroelectric power generation; flood control, enhancement of fish and wildlife habitats; and outdoor recreation.

Components of the following water resource projects listed below may be eligible for inclusion in a selfgovernance annual funding agreement. This list was developed with consideration of the proximity of identified self-governance Tribes to Reclamation projects.

1. Klamath Project, California and Oregon

Trinity River Fishery, California
Central Arizona Project, Arizona

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4. Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System, Montana

5. Indian Water Rights Settlement Projects, as authorized by Congress

Upon the request of a self-governance Tribe, Reclamation will also consider for inclusion in funding agreements other programs or activities which Reclamation determines to be eligible under Section 403(b)(2) or 403(c) of the Act.

For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Mr. Kelly Titensor, Policy Analyst, Native American and International Affairs Office, Bureau of Reclamation (96-43000) (MS 7069-MIB); 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 513-0558, fax: (202) 513–0311.

C. Eligible Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) Programs

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) collects, accounts for, and distributes mineral revenues from both Federal and Indian mineral leases.

The ONRR also evaluates industry compliance with laws, regulations, and lease terms, and offers mineral-owning Tribes opportunities to become involved in its programs that address the intent of Tribal self-governance. These programs are available to selfgovernance Tribes and are a good preparation for assuming other technical functions. Generally, ONRR program functions are available to Tribes because of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1983 (FOGRMA) at 30 U.S.C. 1701. The ONRR promotes Tribal self-governance and selfdetermination over trust lands and resources through the following program functions that may be available to self-governance Tribes:

1. Audit of Tribal Royalty Payments. Audit activities for Tribal leases, except for the issuance of orders, final valuation decisions, and other enforcement activities. (For Tribes already participating in ONRR cooperative audits, this program is offered as an option.)

2. Verification of Tribal Royalty Payments. Financial compliance verification, monitoring activities, and production verification.

3. Tribal Royalty Reporting, Accounting, and Data Management. Establishment and management of royalty reporting and accounting systems including document processing, production reporting, reference data (lease, payor, agreement) management, billing and general ledger.

4. Tribal Royalty Valuation. Preliminary analysis and recommendations for valuation, and allowance determinations and approvals.

5. Royalty Internship Program. An orientation and training program for auditors and accountants from mineralproducing Tribes to acquaint Tribal staff with royalty laws, procedures, and techniques. This program is recommended for Tribes that are considering a self-governance funding agreement, but have not yet acquired mineral revenue expertise via a FOGRMA section 202 cooperative agreement, as this term is defined in FOGRMA and implementing regulations at 30 CFR 228.4.

For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Heidi Badarraco, Program Manager—Indian Trust, Outreach & Coordination, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Denver Federal Center, 6th & Kipling, Building 67, Mail Stop 641100C, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, telephone: (303) 231-3434.

D. Eligible National Park Service (NPS) Programs

NPS administers the National Park System, which is made up of national parks, monuments, historic sites, battlefields, seashores, lake shores and recreation areas. NPS maintains the park units, protects the natural and cultural resources, and conducts a range of visitor services such as law enforcement, park maintenance, and interpretation of geology, history, and natural and cultural resources.

Some elements of the following programs may be eligible for inclusion in a self-governance funding agreement. This list below was developed considering the proximity of an identified self-governance Tribe to a national park, monument, preserve, or recreation area and the types of programs that have components that may be suitable for administering through a self-governance funding agreement. This list is not all-inclusive, but is representative of the types of programs which may be eligible for Tribal participation through funding agreements.

Elements of Programs That May Be Eligible for Inclusion in a Self-**Governance Funding Agreement**

- 1. Archaeological Surveys
- 2. Comprehensive Management Planning
- 3. Cultural Resource Management Projects
- 4. Ethnographic Studies
- 5. Erosion Control
- 6. Fire Protection
- 7. Gathering Baseline Subsistence Data—Alaska

- 8. Hazardous Fuel Reduction
- 9. Housing Construction and Rehabilitation
- 10. Interpretation
- 11. Janitorial Services
- 12. Maintenance
- 13. Natural Resource Management
- Projects
- 14. Operation of Campgrounds 15. Range Assessment—Alaska
- 16. Reindeer Grazing—Alaska
- 17. Road Repair
- 18. Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
- 19. Trail Rehabilitation
- 20. Watershed Restoration and Maintenance
- 21. Beringia Research
- 22. Elwha River Restoration
- 23. Recycling Programs

Locations of National Park Service Units With Close Proximity to Self-Governance Tribes

- 1. Aniakchack National Monument & Preserve—Alaska
- 2. Bering Land Bridge National Preserve—Alaska
- 3. Cape Krusenstern National Monument—Alaska
- 4. Denali National Park & Preserve-Alaska
- 5. Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve—Alaska
- 6. Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve—Alaska
- 7. Katmai National Park and Preserve— Alaska
- 8. Kenai Fjords National Park—Alaska
- 9. Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park—Alaska
- 10. Kobuk Valley National Park—Alaska
- 11. Lake Clark National Park and Preserve—Alaska
- 12. Noatak National Preserve—Alaska
- 13. Sitka National Historical Park-Alaska
- 14. Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—Alaska
- 15. Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve—Alaska
- 16. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument—Arizona
- Hohokam Pima National Monument—Arizona
- 18. Montezuma Castle National Monument—Arizona
- 19. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument—Arizona
- 20. Saguaro National Park—Arizona
 - 21. Tonto National Monument—Arizona
 - 22. Tumacacori National Historical Park—Arizona
- 23. Tuzigoot National Monument— Arizona
- 24. Arkansas Post National Memorial— Arkansas
- 25. Death Valley National Park— California
- 26. Devils Postpile National Monument-California

- 27. Joshua Tree National Park— California
- Lassen Volcanic National Park— California
- 29. Point Reyes National Seashore— California
- 30. Redwood National Park—California
- 31. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area—California
- 32. Yosemite National Park—California
- 33. Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument—Idaho
- 34. Effigy Mounds National Monument—Iowa
- 35. Fort Scott National Historic Site— Kansas
- 36. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve— Kansas
- 37. Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area—Massachusetts
- 38. Cape Cod National Seashore— Massachusetts
- 39. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park—Massachusetts
- 40. Isle Royale National Park—Michigan
- 41. Sleeping Bear Dunes National
- Lakeshore—Michigan 42. Grand Portage National
- Monument—Minnesota 43. Voyageurs National Park— Minnesota
- 44. Bear Paw Battlefield, Nez Perce National Historical Park—Montana
- 45. Glacier National Park—Montana
- 46. Great Basin National Park—Nevada
- 47. Aztec Ruins National Monument– New Mexico
- 48. Bandelier National Monument— New Mexico
- 49. Carlsbad Caverns National Park— New Mexico
- 50. Chaco Culture National Historic Park—New Mexico
- 51. Pecos National Historic Park—New Mexico
- 52. White Sands National Monument— New Mexico
- 53. Fort Stanwix National Monument— New York
- 54. Great Smoky Mountains National Park—North Carolina/Tennessee
- 55. Cuyahoga Valley National Park— Ohio
- 56. Hopewell Culture National Historical Park—Ohio
- 57. Chickasaw National Recreation Area—Oklahoma
- 58. Crater Lake National Park—Oregon
- 59. John Day Fossil Beds National Monument—Oregon
- 60. Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument—Texas
- 61. Guadalupe Mountains National Park—Texas
- 62. Lake Meredith National Recreation Area—Texas
- 63. Ebey's Landing National Recreation Area—Washington
- 64. Fort Vancouver National Historic Site—Washington

- 65. Mount Rainier National Park— Washington
- 66. Olympic National Park— Washington
- 67. San Juan Islands National Historic Park—Washington
- 68. Whitman Mission National Historic Site—Washington

For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Jennifer Talken-Spaulding, Acting Manager, American Indian Liaison Office, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Room 7351, Washington, DC 20240, telephone: (202) 354–2090, or email: Jennifer_Talken-Spaulding@nps.gov.

E. Eligible Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Programs

The mission of the Service is to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Primary responsibilities are for migratory birds, endangered species, freshwater and anadromous fisheries, and certain marine mammals. The Service also has a continuing cooperative relationship with a number of Indian Tribes throughout the National Wildlife Refuge System and the Service's fish hatcheries. Any selfgovernance Tribe may contact a National Wildlife Refuge or National Fish Hatchery directly concerning participation in Service programs under the Tribal Self-Governance Act. This list is not all-inclusive, but is representative of the types of Service programs that may be eligible for Tribal participation through an annual funding agreement.

1. Subsistence Programs within the State of Alaska. Evaluate and analyze data for annual subsistence regulatory cycles and other data trends related to subsistence harvest needs and facilitate Tribal Consultation to ensure ANILCA Title VII terms are being met, as well as activities fulfilling the terms of Title VIII of ANILCA.

2. Technical Assistance, Restoration and Conservation. Conduct planning and implementation of population surveys, habitat surveys, restoration of sport fish, capture of depredating migratory birds, and habitat restoration activities.

3. Endangered Species Programs. Conduct activities associated with the conservation and recovery of threatened or endangered species protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or candidate species under the ESA. These activities may include, but are not limited to, cooperative conservation programs, development of recovery plans and implementation of recovery actions for threatened and endangered species, and implementation of status surveys for high priority candidate species.

4. Education Programs. Provide services in interpretation, outdoor classroom instruction, visitor center operations, and volunteer coordination both on and off national Wildlife Refuge lands in a variety of communities, and assist with environmental education and outreach efforts in local villages.

5. Environmental Contaminants Program. Conduct activities associated with identifying and removing toxic chemicals, to help prevent harm to fish, wildlife and their habitats. The activities required for environmental contaminant management may include, but are not limited to, analysis of pollution data, removal of underground storage tanks, specific cleanup activities, and field data gathering efforts.

6. Wetland and Habitat Conservation Restoration. Provide services for construction, planning, and habitat monitoring and activities associated with conservation and restoration of wetland habitat.

7. Fish Hatchery Operations. Conduct activities to recover aquatic species listed under the Endangered Species Act, restore native aquatic populations, and provide fish to benefit National Wildlife Refuges and Tribes. Such activities may include, but are not limited to: Tagging, rearing and feeding of fish, disease treatment, and clerical or facility maintenance at a fish hatchery.

8. National Wildlife Refuge **Operations and Maintenance.** Conduct activities to assist the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands and waters for conservation, management and restoration of fish, wildlife and plant resources and their habitats within the United States. Activities that may be eligible for a selfgovernance funding agreement may include, but are not limited to: Construction, farming, concessions, maintenance, biological program efforts, habitat management, fire management, and implementation of comprehensive conservation planning.

Locations of Refuges and Hatcheries With Close Proximity to Self-Governance Tribes

The Service developed the list below based on the proximity of identified self-governance Tribes to Service facilities that have components that may be suitable for administering through a self-governance funding agreement.

- 1. Alaska National Wildlife Refuges— Alaska
- 2. Alchesay National Fish Hatchery— Arizona

- 3. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge—California
- 4. Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge— Idaho
- 5. Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge— Minnesota
- 6. Mille Lacs National Wildlife Refuge— Minnesota
- 7. Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge— Minnesota
- 8. National Bison Range—Montana
- 9. Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge— Montana
- 10. Pablo National Wildlife Refuge— Montana
- 11. Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge—Oklahoma
- 12. Tishomingo National Wildlife Refute—Oklahoma
- 13. Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge—Washington
- 14. Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge—Washington
- 15. Makah National Fish Hatchery— Washington
- 16. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge—Washington
- 17. Quinault National Fish Hatchery— Washington
- 18. San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuge—Washington
- 19. Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge— Wisconsin

For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Scott Aikin, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Native American Programs Coordinator, 1211 SE Cardinal Court, Suite 100, Vancouver, Washington 98683, telephone (360) 604–2531 or fax (360) 604–2505.

F. Eligible U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Programs

The mission of the USGS is to collect, analyze, and provide information on biology, geology, hydrology, and geography that contributes to the wise management of the Nation's natural resources and to the health, safety, and well-being of the American people. This information is usually publicly available and includes maps, data bases, and descriptions and analyses of the water, plants, animals, energy, and mineral resources, land surface, underlying geologic structure, and dynamic processes of the earth. The USGS does not manage lands or resources. Selfgovernance Tribes may potentially assist the USGS in the data acquisition and analysis components of its activities.

For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Monique Fordham, Esq., National Tribal Liaison, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–4437 or fax (703) 648–6683.

G. Eligible Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) Programs

The Department has responsibility for what may be the largest land trust in the world, approximately 56 million acres. OST oversees the management of Indian trust assets, including income generated from leasing and other commercial activities on Indian trust lands, by maintaining, investing and disbursing Indian trust financial assets, and reporting on these transactions. The mission of the OST is to serve Indian communities by fulfilling Indian fiduciary trust responsibilities. This is to be accomplished through the implementation of a Comprehensive Trust Management Plan (CTM) that is designed to improve trust beneficiary services, ownership information, management of trust fund assets, and self-governance activities.

A Tribe operating under selfgovernance may include the following programs, services, functions, and activities or portions thereof in a funding agreement:

1. Beneficiary Processes Program (Individual Indian Money Accounting Technical Functions).

The MOU between the Tribe/ Consortium and OST outlines the roles and responsibilities for the performance of the OST program by the Tribe/ Consortium. If those roles and responsibilities are already fully specified in the existing funding agreement with the OSG, an MOU is not necessary. To the extent that the parties desire specific program standards, an MOU will be negotiated between the Tribe/Consortium and OST, which will be binding on both parties and attached and incorporated into the OSG funding agreement.

If a Tribe/Consortium decides to assume the operation of an OST program, the new funding for performing that program will come from OST program dollars. A Tribe's newlyassumed operation of the OST program(s) will be reflected in the Tribe's OSG funding agreement.

For questions regarding selfgovernance, contact Lee Frazier, Program Analyst, Office of External Affairs, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (MS 5140—MIB), 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240–0001, phone: (202) 208–7587, fax: (202) 208–7545.

H. Eligible Appraisal and Valuation Services Office Programs

The Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO), established on March 19, 2018 by Secretarial Order No. 3363, provides appraisal, valuation, evaluation, and consulting expertise to Indian beneficiaries, federal clients and other stakeholders in accordance with the highest professional and ethical standards. AVSO is responsible for all real property appraisal and valuation services within the Department of the Interior as well as conducting mineral economic evaluations to the following bureau clients: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service. Within AVSO are four land valuation divisions; Indian Trust Property Valuation Division, Land Buy-Back Program Valuation Division, Division of Minerals Evaluation and Federal Land Division.

The MOU between the Tribe/ Consortium and AVSO outlines the roles and responsibilities for the performance of the AVSO program by the Tribe/Consortium. An MOU will be negotiated between the Tribe/ Consortium and AVSO, which will be binding on both parties and attached and incorporated into the OSG funding agreement.

If a Tribe/Consortium decides to assume the operation of an AVSO program, the new funding for performing that program will come from AVSO program dollars. A Tribe's newlyassumed operation of an AVSO program will be reflected in the Tribe's OSG funding agreement.

For questions regarding the assumption of an AVSO program under self-governance, contact Eldred F. Lesansee, Associate Deputy Director, Appraisal and Valuation Services Office, 4400 Masthead Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 816– 1318, fax (505) 816–3129.

IV. Programmatic Targets

The programmatic target for Fiscal Year 2020 provides that, upon request of a self-governance Tribe, each non-BIA bureau will negotiate funding agreements for its eligible programs beyond those already negotiated.

Dated: February 25, 2020.

David L. Bernhardt,

Secretary, Department of the Interior. [FR Doc. 2020–04249 Filed 2–28–20; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4337–15–P