

PART 110—CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

4. The authority citation for Part 110 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 2 U.S.C. 431(8), 431(9), 432(c)(2), 437d(a)(8), 438(a)(8), 441a, 441b, 441d, 441e, 441f, 441g and 441h.

5. Section 110.13 is revised to read as follows:

§ 110.13 Candidate debates.

(a) *Staging organizations.* (1) Nonprofit organizations described in 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) or (c)(4) and which do not endorse, support, or oppose political candidates or political parties may stage candidate debates in accordance with this section and 11 CFR 114.4(f).

(2) Broadcasters (including a cable television operator, programmer or producer), bona fide newspapers, magazines and other periodical publications may stage candidate debates in accordance with this section and 11 CFR 114.4(f), provided that they are not owned or controlled by a political party, political committee or candidate. In addition, broadcasters (including a cable television operator, programmer or producer), bona fide newspapers, magazines and other periodical publications, acting as press entities, may also cover or carry candidate debates in accordance with 11 CFR 100.7 and 100.8.

(b) *Debate structure.* The structure of debates staged in accordance with this section and 11 CFR 114.4(f) is left to the discretion of the staging organization(s), provided that:

(1) Such debates include at least two candidates; and

(2) The staging organization(s) does not structure the debates to promote or advance one candidate over another.

(c) *Criteria for candidate selection.* For all debates, staging organization(s) must use pre-established objective criteria to determine which candidates may participate in a debate. For general election debates, staging organization(s) shall not use nomination by a particular political party as the sole objective criterion to determine whether to include a candidate in a debate. For debates held prior to a primary election, caucus or convention, staging organizations may restrict candidate participation to candidates seeking the nomination of one party, and need not stage a debate for candidates seeking the nomination of any other political party or independent candidates.

PART 114—CORPORATE AND LABOR ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY

6. The authority citation for Part 114 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 2 U.S.C. 431(8)(B), 431(9)(B), 432, 437d(a)(8), 438(a)(8), and 441b.

7. Part 114 would be amended by revising paragraph (f) of § 114.4 to read as follows:

§ 114.4 Disbursements for communications beyond the restricted class in connection with a Federal election.

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(f) *Candidate debates.* (1) A nonprofit organization described in 11 CFR 110.13(a)(1) may use its own funds and may accept funds donated by corporations or labor organizations under paragraph (f)(3) of this section to defray costs incurred in staging candidate debates held in accordance with 11 CFR 110.13.

(2) A broadcaster (including a cable television operator, programmer or producer), bona fide newspaper, magazine or other periodical publication may use its own funds to defray costs incurred in staging public candidate debates held in accordance with 11 CFR 110.13.

(3) A corporation or labor organization may donate funds to nonprofit organizations qualified under 11 CFR 110.13(a)(1) to stage candidate debates held in accordance with 11 CFR 110.13 and 114.4(f).

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Lee Ann Elliott,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

25 CFR Chapter VI

Notice of Deadline for Submitting Completed Applications To Begin Participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program in Fiscal Year 1997 or Calendar Year 1997

AGENCY: Office of Self-Governance, Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of application deadline.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) establishes the deadline for tribes/consortia to submit completed applications to begin participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 1997 or calendar year 1997.

DATES: Tribes/consortia wishing to be considered for participation in the tribal self-governance program in fiscal year 1997 or calendar year 1997 must respond to this notice, except for those which are (1) currently involved with negotiations with the Department; (2) one of the 54 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. Completed application packages must be received by the Director, Office of Self-Governance by April 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Application packages for inclusion in the applicant pool should be sent to the Director, Office of Self-Governance, U.S. Department of the Interior, Mail Stop 2548, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 2548, Washington DC 20240, 202-219-0240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, the Director, Office of Self-Governance may select up to 20 additional participating tribes/consortia per year for the tribal self-governance program, and negotiate and enter into an annual 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 an area and/or agency which has not previously been involved with self-governance negotiations, will take approximately two months from start to finish. Since agreements for an October 1 to September 30 fiscal year need to be signed and submitted by July 1, new participating tribes would need to be selected by May 3 to allow sufficient time for negotiations.

Background

The tribal self-governance program is designed to promote self determination by allowing tribes to assume more control through negotiated agreements of programs operated by the Department of the Interior. The new law allows for negotiations to be conducted for programs operated by BIA and for programs operated by other bureaus and offices within the Department that are available to Indians or when there is an

historical, cultural, or geographic connection to an Indian tribe.

The Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 requires the Secretary, upon request of a majority of self-governance tribes, to initiate procedures under the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, 5 U.S.C. 561 *et seq.*, to negotiate and promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the tribal self-governance program. The Act calls for a negotiated rulemaking committee to be established pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 565 comprised of Federal and tribal representatives, with a majority of the tribal representatives representing self-governance tribes. The Act also authorizes the Secretary to adapt negotiated rulemaking procedures to the unique context of self-governance and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Indian tribes. On November 1, 1994, a majority of self-governance tribes wrote the Secretary requesting the immediate initiation of negotiated rulemaking. On February 15, 1995, the self-governance negotiated rulemaking committee was established.

On the same date, an interim rule was published in the Federal Register announcing the criteria for tribes to be included in an applicant pool and the establishment of the selection process for tribes/consortia to negotiate agreements pursuant to the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994. This interim rule was added to Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations at Part 1001 of Chapter VI. While it may be changed by later rulemaking, the Act stipulates that the lack of promulgated regulations will not limit its effect. The interim rule allowed an additional 20 new tribes/consortia to negotiate compacts and annual funding agreements for fiscal year 1996 and calendar year 1996 as authorized by the Act. To date, a total of 54 compacts and annual funding agreements have been negotiated.

Purpose of Notice

This notice is intended to allow up to 20 new tribes/consortia to be selected to negotiate compacts and annual funding agreements in fiscal year 1997 and calendar year 1997. The interim rules established at 25 CFR 1001.1 to 1001.5 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 1997 and calendar year 1997. Applicants should be guided by the requirements in 25 CFR 1001.1 to 1001.5 in preparing their applications. Copies of the interim rules published in the Federal Register on February 15, 1995, may be obtained from the

information contact person identified in this notice.

The Director's decision on the actual number of tribes that will enter negotiations will be made at a later date. Tribes already in the applicant pool will retain their existing ranking with tribes entering the applicant pool under these rules receiving a lower ranking. Being in the applicant pool will not guarantee that a tribe will actually be provided the opportunity to negotiate in any given year. However, it does mean that a tribe will not be passed over by a tribe with a lower ranking in the applicant pool or by a tribe not in the applicant pool, with the exception of a tribe already in the negotiation process.

For example, if the Department determines that 20 tribes will be afforded the opportunity to negotiate self-governance agreements in 1997, the tribes with the highest 20 rankings would be notified and negotiations would be scheduled. The tribe ranked 21 on the list would then have the highest ranking to negotiate a self-governance agreement in 1998 or might enter negotiations in 1997 if one of the first 20 tribes discontinued negotiations. In such a case, the tribe that discontinued negotiations would remain in the applicant pool with its original ranking and would be the first to be selected in 1997 for negotiating agreements commencing in 1998.

Dated: January 26, 1996.
William A. Sinclair,
Director, Office of Self-Governance.
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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

29 CFR Chapter XIV

Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990 (OWBPA)

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

ACTION: Third Meeting of Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: EEOC announces the revised dates of the third meeting of the "Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Regulatory Guidance on Unsupervised Waivers of Rights and Claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act" (the Committee). A Notice of Intent to form the Committee was published in the Federal Register on August 31, 1995, 60 FR 45388, and a Notice of Establishment of the Committee was published in the

Federal Register on October 20, 1995, 60 FR 54207.

DATES: The third meeting will be held on March 6-7, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on March 6. It is anticipated that the meeting will last for two days. The session of March 7, 1996 will commence at 9:00 a.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EEOC Headquarters, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph N. Cleary, Paul E. Boymel, or John K. Light, ADEA Division, Office of Legal Counsel, EEOC, 1801 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20507, (202) 663-4692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Committee meetings, including the meeting of March 6-7, will be open to the public. Any member of the public may submit written comments for the Committee's consideration, and may be permitted to speak at the meeting if time permits. In addition, all Committee documents and minutes will be available for public inspection on EEOC's Library (6th floor of the EEOC Headquarters).

Persons who need assistance to review the comments will be provided with appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. To schedule and appointment call (202) 663-4630 (voice), (202) 663-4630 (TDD). Copies of this notice are available in the following alternate formats: large print, braille, electronic file on computer disk, and audio tape. Copies may be obtained from the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity by calling (202) 663-4395 (voice), (202) 663-4399 (TDD).

Purpose of Meeting/Summary of Agenda: At the meeting, the Committee will continue to discuss the unsupervised waiver legal issues that will be considered by the Committee in drafting a recommended notice of proposed rulemaking for EEOC approval.

Dated: January 26, 1996.
Francess M. Hart,
Executive Officer.
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29 CFR Chapter XIV

Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990 (OWBPA); Cancellation of Meeting

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

ACTION: Cancellation of Meeting of Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee.