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Elveda Martinez

Just went to an Honoring of our Veterans and Ladies Auxillary event. It was really nice. Had Tessa Murphy, Lil Miss Pinenut Festival sing the Indian Flag Song and others do honoring...It was good to see some of our vets (Vic Williams, Harold Miller, Wes Jim, Joe Rogers and Rafael Bell) and ladies (Elaine Montoya, Laverne Hicks, Marie Williams, Norma Lessard and Alfreda Quintero) there to get some recognition for all they did and still do. Thanks to their many years of service for our freedom and for being there for our community. Too bad there weren't more people there to personally thank them.

Tessa Murphy, Lil Miss Pinenut Festival, sang the Flag Song at the Honoring for the Vets and Ladies VFW Auxiliary

Carolyn Harry

A more personal summary of the **Twelfth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**. United Nations Headquarters, New York City given by Jordan Harry tonight. Really happy to hear our young leaders advocated, fought, and held their ground, and represented us strongly!! Great job [Debra Harry](#) and [Donna Goodleaf](#), and all other teachers this group had. Proud aunt status here..

[Debra Harry](#) Keep on eye on this website tomorrow for the live webcast - I'm not certain but I do hope the UNPFII 12th session will be webcast tomorrow 10 am-1 pm and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Cody will be giving the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus statement tomorrow! Sending him lots of strength and prayers - <http://webtv.un.org/live-now/watch/24-hour-live-and-pre-recorded-programming/1571671822001/>

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How to Farm Fish in the Nevada Desert images.businessweek.com

Nevada is trying to grow more food locally, using hydroponics, greenhouses, and other indoor-farming techniques

Attached is a copy of a recent news release regarding **Land Into Trust Procedures** and a proposal by the Interior for Public Review and Comment for 60 days. Also attached is a copy of the Federal Register notice that is scheduled to be published on 5/29/2013. A Tribal Consultation session will be held on the Proposed Rule on June 24th in Reno, Nevada.

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**Washburn Proposes Changes to Land-into-Trust Procedures to Achieve Greater Transparency, Clarity and Certainty for Tribes**

*Proposal Released for Public Review and Comment for 60 days*

WASHINGTON – Today, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn issued for public comment a proposed rule designed to demonstrate the Administration’s commitment to restoring tribal homelands and furthering economic development on Indian reservations. The proposed rule will provide for greater notice of land-into-trust decisions and clarify the mechanisms for judicial review depending on whether the land is taken into trust by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, or by an official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. During the public comment window, Indian Affairs will also conduct tribal consultation.

For the Bureau of Indian Affairs trust acquisition decisions, which are generally for non-gaming purposes and constitute the vast majority of land-into-trust decisions, the proposed rule will ensure that parties have adequate notice of the action and clarifies the requirement that exhaustion of administrative remedies within the Department is necessary to seek judicial review.

“The principal purpose of this proposed rule is to provide greater certainty to tribes in their ability to develop lands acquired in trust for purposes such as housing, schools and economic development,” said Assistant Secretary Washburn. “For such acquisitions, the proposed rule will create a ‘speak now or forever hold your peace moment’ in the land-into-trust process. If parties do not appeal the decision within the administrative appeal period, tribes will have the peace of mind to begin development without fear that the decision will be later overturned.”

For decisions made by the Assistant Secretary, which generally are for gaming or other complex acquisitions, the proposed rule clarifies that the Assistant Secretary's decision is a final decision and allows the Assistant Secretary to proceed with taking the land-into-trust with no waiting period. Because a simple change in ownership status itself is not an act that causes irreparable harm in many cases, it will place the burden on litigants to come forth and demonstrate such harm if they wish to prevent the trust acquisition from occurring, while not affecting the right to judicial review of such determinations after the United States acquired title to the land in trust. The waiting period was intended to ensure that interested parties had the opportunity to seek judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 704) before the Secretary acquired title to land in trust. *See* 61 FR 18082 (Apr. 24, 1996).

The legal landscape changed, however, on June 18, 2012, when the Supreme Court issued its decision in *Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians v. Patchak*, 132 S. Ct. 2199 (2012). In that decision, the Supreme Court held that the Quiet Title Act does not bar Administrative Procedure Act challenges to the Department's determination to take land in trust even after the United States acquires title to the property, unless the aggrieved party asserts an ownership interest in the land as the basis for the challenge. Following *Patchak*, the 1996 procedural rule establishing a 30-day waiting period before taking land into trust to allow for Administrative Procedure Act review is no longer needed. Unless judicial review under the Administrative Procedure Act is precluded on some other basis, such as standing, timeliness, or a failure to exhaust administrative remedies, judicial review of the Secretary's decision is available under the Administrative Procedure Act even after the Secretary has acquired title to the property.

The proposed rule will be available in the federal register at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>. Public comments may be submitted to the Department for sixty days following the proposed rule's publication in the Federal Register. **Tribal Consultation on the proposed rule will occur on June 24, 2013, in Reno, Nevada.**

**for full document:** [2013-12708.pdf](#)

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Indian Affairs**

[K00103 12/13 A3A10; 134D0102DR-DS5A300000-DR.5A311.IA000113]

**25 CFR Part 151 [Docket ID: BIA-2013-0005] RIN 1076-AF15**

**Land Acquisitions: Appeals of Land Acquisition Decisions**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule revises a section of regulations governing decisions by the Secretary to approve or deny applications to acquire land in trust under this part. This rule is appropriate to address changes in the applicability of the Quiet Title Act as interpreted by a recent United States Supreme Court decision. This rule revises a regulatory provision the Department added in 1996 to ensure that interested parties had the opportunity to timely seek judicial review of decisions when available under the Administrative Procedure Act. The

Department had determined the provision was necessary because, consistent with Federal court decisions at the time, once the Secretary acquired title, the Quiet Title Act precluded judicial review of the Secretary's decision to take the land into trust. The Supreme Court has since held that the Quiet Title Act does not preclude timely Administrative Procedure Act challenges to agency decisions to acquire land in trust unless the aggrieved party claims an ownership interest in the property at issue. This rule revises the regulation to reflect this change in the law and to make other revisions to codify the current process for issuing decisions approving or denying

requests to acquire land in trust under this part. It also broadens and clarifies the notice of decisions to acquire land in trust under this part, including broadening notice of any right to file an administrative appeal.

**DATES:** Comments on this rule must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal rulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. The rule is listed under the agency name "Bureau of Indian Affairs." The rule has been assigned Docket ID: BIA-2013-

**0005.**

-E-mail: [consultation@bia.gov](mailto:consultation@bia.gov). Include the number 1076-AF15 in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW. Include the number 1076-AF15 in the submission.

- Hand delivery: Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW. Include the number 1076-AF15 in the submission.

We cannot ensure that comments received after the close of the comment period (see DATES) will be included in the docket for this rulemaking and considered. Comments sent to an address other than those listed above will not be included in the docket for this rulemaking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Appel, Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, (202) 273-4680; [elizabeth.appel@bia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov).

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**Retire the Reid Gardner Coal Plant!**

**Date:** May 25, 2013 2:23 PM

**Great news! This past Wednesday, the Nevada State Senate *unanimously* passed the bill to retire the Reid Gardner Coal Plant!** This is a tremendous step forward in our fight to make Nevada coal-free, but we aren't done yet.

**The bill is now in the hands of your Assembly member**, who is hearing the bill as a member of the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor.

If the bill doesn't pass out of this committee early next week, Reid Gardner won't close and the Moapa Band of Paiutes community will continue to suffer as coal pollution continues to rain down on their homes, only yards away from the plant, for the foreseeable future.

**Failure to pass this bill will also slow Nevada's transition from coal to renewable energy** like solar, wind and geothermal. We desperately need to develop these resources to clean our air, create good paying jobs and bring new investment to our communities.

**[Tell your Assembly member to move Nevada beyond coal and urge him/her to pass SB 123, the bill that will retire the Reid Gardner Coal plant!](#)**

Over the last few weeks there has been a robust discussion in Nevada about our energy future and it is clear that we are at a crossroads. Coal power is the dirty energy of the past, and renewable energy is the energy of the future.

**The vote in the Senate demonstrated there is strong bi-partisan support to move Nevada off of coal. We need to keep the momentum going!** A message to your Assembly member right now supporting SB 123 is the most important thing you can do to help make Nevada's transition to renewable energy a reality.

**We are so close to victory!** The future health of Nevadans, our economy and the environment rests on the shoulders of our elected officials right now. They need to know you have their back as they boldly move Nevada toward a clean energy future that benefits all of us.

Thanks for all you do to protect the environment,

Elsbeth Cordua, Beyond Coal Campaign, Sierra Club

P.S. After you take action, be sure to [forward this alert](#) to your friends and colleagues!

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### **Reid introduces bill to create Gold Butte National Conservation Area**

By STEVE TETREAULT    STEPHENS WASHINGTON BUREAU

Related Files   [Gold\\_Butte\\_bill.pdf](#)   [Gold\\_Butte\\_map.pdf](#)

WASHINGTON — An effort was launched in Congress on Thursday to designate 350,000 acres of government-protected conservation land and wilderness northeast of Las Vegas.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., proposed to create a National Conservation Area at Gold Butte, a region of rugged mountains, sandstone ridges, native American petroglyphs and abandoned mine sites in Clark County between the Overton arm of Lake Mead and Nevada's border with Arizona.

“Gold Butte is Nevada's piece of the Grand Canyon,” Reid said in a statement that accompanied the legislation he introduced. “As more and more people discover this remarkable place, we must protect these resources for future generations while continuing to allow recreational opportunities we enjoy today.”

The bill would create a 348,515-acre Gold Butte National Conservation Area to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management in a way that “conserves, protects and enhances” its natural, historical and scenic resources.

Within the conservation area, the bill sets aside 129,500 acres that would be designated as federally protected wilderness to be preserved in its natural condition. Additionally, 92,000 acres would be designated as wilderness within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Gold Butte would become the third National Conservation Area in Clark County, joining Red Rock Canyon that was designated in 1990, and Sloan Canyon that was designated in 2002.

Conservationists for more than a decade have lobbied for a Gold Butte to become a federal conservation preserve. They applauded the new effort, saying the designation would highlight the area as a “go to destination,” and upgrade its management by the BLM that oversees it now as “areas of critical environmental concern.”

“This diverse landscape represents our cultural history with petroglyphs dating back centuries,” said Nancy Hall, of Friends of Gold Butte. “It is home to threatened species, and it provides top-notch recreational opportunities including hiking, photography, and bicycle and ORV riding.”

But some residents in nearby Mesquite and Moapa Valley have wanted a stronger voice in the matter. They say creating more wilderness will “lock up” the land and expand the government’s presence. Some have suggested turning the area over to the state or county instead.

Various Nevada lawmakers have explored Gold Butte legislation in recent years but abandoned it after observing a lack of local consensus.

That still appears to be the case. Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., for instance, is declining to support the Reid bill.

“While greater protections for Gold Butte are needed, good public land policy is made through a transparent and open public process,” Heller spokeswoman Chandler Smith said Thursday. “This legislation does not meet that threshold.

“Senator Heller believes that local stakeholders need to have sign-off on legislation that affects their own backyard,” Smith said. “Unfortunately, this legislation does not have the requisite local support at this time, so Senator Heller cannot support it.”

Rep. Steven Horsford, D-Nev., plans to introduce a Gold Butte bill next month, a spokesman said. Horsford, who represents the area in the House, convened a series of meetings last month with local stakeholders.

Contact Stephens Washington Bureau Chief Steve Tetreault at [stetreault@stephensmedia.com](mailto:stetreault@stephensmedia.com) or 202-783-1760. Follow him on Twitter @STetreaultDC.

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## **Dispute simmers over road to Grand Canyon Skywalk**      ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEADVIEW, Ariz. — On one of the busiest holiday weekends of the year, some travelers looking to get to the Grand Canyon’s glass-bottom Skywalk will have to pay an extra fee to cross through a private ranch in northwestern Arizona.

Land owner Nigel Turner said Saturday that it's his right as a property owner to charge what he calls an admission fee for visitors to cross a portion of the 168-square-mile Grand Canyon Ranch.

"We have rights as property owners, and what has been happening for years is buses just scream through there and throw all their trash and abuse it. It's disgusting. There's no respect," Turner said in a telephone interview.

While the fee includes access to an hourly rodeo show and other ranch activities, the Hualapai Indian tribe — which operates the Skywalk — contends that the fee is unethical and potentially illegal.

The dispute centers on the Diamond Bar Road and an easement the tribe is working on paving.

Turner's staff began charging the fee Saturday. About 20 tribal members were protesting along the road.

"Suddenly threatening to close a busy road on a holiday weekend and charge visitors a toll makes Mr. Turner appear mean-spirited and hurts tourism throughout Mohave County," the tribe said in a written statement.

It went on to accuse Turner of attempting to "victimize unsuspecting tourists."

Tribal spokesman Dave Cieslak said Grand Canyon West was expected to draw thousands of people over the holiday weekend and the tribe has started a shuttle from Dolan Springs, just off U.S. Highway 93, that will take tourists to the Skywalk to avoid the toll.

Some 700,000 people visit Grand Canyon West each year, either by helicopter, bus or driving their personal vehicles on Diamond Bar Road. The Skywalk — a horseshoe-shaped glass bridge that juts out 70 feet from the canyon — is the biggest attraction. The area also has a historic guano mine, American Indian village, Turner's western cowboy ranch and expansive views of the Grand Canyon right from its edge.

Getting there is a journey — 2½ hours from Las Vegas, four hours from Flagstaff and nearly five hours from Phoenix.

Cieslak said the road in question is the ideal way to get from Las Vegas to the Skywalk.

Turner said his attorney sent letters to the U.S. attorney's office in Arizona, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, Mohave County and others two weeks ago explaining that the road was private. He said the county validated his claim this week after sheriff's deputies told his staff last weekend that they could not charge the toll.

Turner maintains that under a settlement reached years ago, the road was returned to him and an easement was created that would allow public access.

Turner has since reopened the federal case involving the easement. He said he's concerned that restoration work will not be done once the paving project is complete.

Efforts to improve the road and ease safety concerns began long before the Skywalk was built.

Mohave County officials could not be reached Saturday for comment, and a spokeswoman for the Sheriff’s Office did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Turner said his employees will not charge a toll for tribal members, law enforcement or emergency vehicles, or other government vehicles.

The tribe argues that despite crossing through Turner’s ranch, the road is a county road. The tribe pointed to the 2008 settlement, in which Turner was paid \$750,000 to drop his claims and clear the way for construction.

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**Museums Confront the Skeletons in Their Closets**

By DOREEN CARVAJAL NYT 5.25.13

Institutions like the Museum of Medical History in Berlin are responding to increasing claims to return bones and other human artifacts in their collections to indigenous peoples.

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**Scientists Warn That Earth Faces Severe Water Shortages Within a Generation**

[Read the Article at Agence France-Presse](#)

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**Funding Resources**

**Tribal Energy Program Technical Assistance (Dept. of Energy)**

Rolling deadline. Free technical assistance to assist federally recognized Indian tribes, bands, nations, and other organized groups and communities—including Alaska Native villages or regional and village corporations—with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Typically limited to 40 hours and may include renewable energy technology info., renewable resource information, energy efficiency techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning and training. To request assistance, complete the on-line form. For more, see Technical Assistance the Tribal Energy Program website

**UWP- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant**

Rolling deadline. USDA – Rural Development’s grant program for Emergency Community Water Assistance. For more info., visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm>.  
Native American

**Rural Business Enterprise Grants (USDA-RD)**

Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for due dates  
Grant program to develop small & emerging private business opportunities in tribal & rural areas. Program provides grants for rural projects that finance the development of small and emerging rural businesses, and help fund distance adult learning for job training and advancement. Small & emerging private businesses are those with fewer than 50 employees



with less than \$1 million in projected gross revenues. USDA-RD expects to award approx. \$3.2 million via a single national competition. There is no state set-aside for this program; Native American RBEG applications compete with other Native American RBEG applications from around the nation. For a tribally owned business to be considered private, it must be held through a separate entity such as a tribal corporation. The corporation may be owned by the tribe and distribute profits to the tribe. However, the governing board must be independent from the tribal government & elected or appointed for a specific time period. Pre-applications are strongly encouraged and are available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nvrbeg.html>.

### **FY 2013 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants**

**May 28** Tribes are eligible. Individual HUD grant awards may be for up to a maximum of \$500,000. Planning Grants assist communities in developing a successful neighborhood transformation plan and building support necessary for that plan to be successfully implemented. The NOFA and application package are available at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/cnpg](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/cnpg)

### **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE/ TRIBAL PLANNING GRANTS AmeriCorps Funding**

**May 30** Indian Tribes have the opportunity to apply for funding. If awarded, tribes can receive up to \$75,000 for a one-year period to provide support for the development of an AmeriCorps program and take the opportunity to identify ways that AmeriCorps members can help them defeat the unique challenges and barriers in tribal communities. Click here for more information. For potential applicants, tribal-specific technical assistance has been made available by CNCS. A schedule of upcoming assistance calls and FAQs can be found here. For more, visit [http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/13\\_0410\\_2013\\_ameriCorps\\_indian\\_tribes\\_planning\\_grant\\_nofa.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/13_0410_2013_ameriCorps_indian_tribes_planning_grant_nofa.pdf)

### **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP-USDA Rural Development)**

**May 31** Grant Program Supports Renewable Energy Systems or Energy Efficiency Improvements for Agricultural Producers or Small Business in Rural Areas. Grant funding for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) has increased to \$60 million nationwide. As a result, the REAP grant application deadline has been extended. Eligible applicants include small businesses and agricultural producers in communities of 50,000 or less. Eligible projects include installing renewable energy systems such as wind turbines, solar, geothermal, biomass, anaerobic digesters, hydroelectric or hydrogen systems. Funding may also be used to purchase energy-efficient equipment, add insulation, and improve heating and cooling systems. For more info. visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) .

### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Grants (IRS)**

**May 31** IRS grants for VITA: Apply for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) grants for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The IRS will accept applications **May 1 through May 31** for the VITA grant program. Applications must be submitted via Grants.gov. The application instructions for this grant are currently available on IRS.gov. The publication is: Publication 4671.VITAE Grant Program Overview and Application Instructions. Grant application materials are here: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=232233> and <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4671.pdf> .For questions

about the VITA and TCE Grant, contact [Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov](mailto:Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov) or visit <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/IRS-VITA-Grant-Program>

### **National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER Funds - DOT)**

**June 3** (Tribes are eligible). The U.S. Dept of Transportation TIGER Funds will be competitively awarded for projects that will have significant impact on the nation, metropolitan area or a region. For more:

[http://www.dot.gov/sites/dot.dev/files/docs/Final%20TIGER%20NOFA%20for%20TIGER%20Website\\_22April%202013.pdf](http://www.dot.gov/sites/dot.dev/files/docs/Final%20TIGER%20NOFA%20for%20TIGER%20Website_22April%202013.pdf)

All applications must show that project can meet all requirements by 6/30/2014. Tribal Transportation Program funds can be used as a matching for TIGER Funds. Click here for a copy of the NOFA. For more info. click here or visit [www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/application-resources), or contact [joanna.turner@dot.gov](mailto:joanna.turner@dot.gov) or call 202-366-4089.

### **Native American Language Preservation & Maintenance**

**June 6** Planning to apply? Click here for resources to develop your application! ANA project funding is available in short-term development terms of 12, 24 and 36 months. All ANA community projects must be completed by the end of the project period or supported by alternative funds. Training and technical assistance is available to applicants for project and proposal development and to grantees for project implementation and reporting. For more, visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-ANA-NL-0140>

### **FY 2013 Planning and Local Technical Assistance (EDAP)**

Funding cycle **4 June 13**; FY2014 Funding cycle **1 September 13**

Federally Recognized Tribes are eligible. EDAP program provides up to \$100K to assist in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate & guide the economic development efforts of a community or region, incl. construction, non-construction, & revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. For more info., visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=208353>

### **Tribal Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance (DOE Tribal Energy Program) June 20**

The Tribal Energy Program, in collaboration with DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, is currently seeking applications for funding from Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For more, see the Progress Alert. Follow this link to view the full FOA: Tribal Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance (DE FOA-0000853). Only applications submitted through the EERE Exchange website will be considered. Also see related financial opportunities for funding and grants from other government programs.

Developing energy projects on tribal lands can require not only tapping into government funding and grants but also other financing options. For more, see project financing in the Guide to

### **Tribal Clean Energy Development. Rural Business Opportunity Grants (USDA Rural Development) June 24**

There are multiple deadlines this year depending on the manner in which you are applying for funds and from which pot of money you are requesting funds, so read the press release and NOFA carefully. \$919,820 is reserved this year for Tribes. For more info., read the 2013 RBOG NOFA – Press Release at

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2013/05/0094.xml>.

Or visit the

2013 RBOG NOFA at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-14/html/2013-11451.htm>

### **EPA Science for Sustainable and Healthy Tribes – \$6 Million**

**June 25** EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results program, is seeking applications proposing research to develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect Tribes. Awards made under this solicitation are to improve understanding of: 1) the health impacts of climate change on tribal populations; and 2) the health impacts of indoor air pollution exposures that derive from or are directly affecting traditional tribal life-ways and cultural practices. In both cases, projects should focus on impacts to vulnerable sub-populations of the tribal communities. Proposals should also consider sustainable, culturally appropriate, and acceptable pollution prevention, and adaptation/mitigation strategies. For more info., visit the funding announcement.

### **EPA Tribal Research Funding Opportunities**

#### **June 25**

EPA Research funding to improve the understanding of climate change & indoor air pollution exposure's health impacts on traditional Tribal ways of life & develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect tribes. For more info., [http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2013/2013\\_star\\_tribal.html](http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2013/2013_star_tribal.html), or Contact Ron Josephson ([josephson.ron@epa.gov](mailto:josephson.ron@epa.gov) or 703-308-0442). Electronic Submissions: Todd Peterson ([peterston.todd@epa.gov](mailto:peterston.todd@epa.gov) or 703-308-7224. Technical Contact: Cynthia McOliver ([mcoliver.cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:mcoliver.cynthia@epa.gov) or 703-347-0311).

### **Community-Scale Clean Energy Projects in Indian Country (DOE Tribal Energy Program)**

**June 27** The U.S. Dept of Energy is seeking applications for funding from Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For more, see the Progress Alert. To view the full FOA, visit Community- Scale Clean Energy Projects in Indian Country (DE-FOA-0000852). Only applications submitted through the EERE Exchange website will be considered. Also see related financial opportunities for funding and grants from other government programs. Developing energy projects on tribal lands can require not only tapping into government funding and grants but also other financing options. For more info., see project financing in the Guide to Tribal Clean Energy Development.