Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per responses	Total burden hours
New Hire: Employers Reporting Manually New Hire: Employers Reporting Electronically	5,166,000 1,134,000	3.484 37.037		750,531 11.760
New Hire: States	54	83.333	266.668 hours	1,200,001
Quarterly Wage & Unemployment Compensation.	54	4	.033 hours (2 minutes)	7.13
Multistate Employers' Notification Form	2052	1	.050 hours (3 minutes)	102.6

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.962.402.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: September 6, 2000.

#### Bob Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer. [FR Doc. 00–23409 Filed 9–12–00; 8:45 am]

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Notice of Program Announcement No. ACF/ACYF 2001–02]

Fiscal Year 2001 Discretionary Announcement for Select Areas of Early Head Start; Availability of Funds and Request for Applications

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Fiscal Year 2001 Early Head Start availability of financial assistance for select areas and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces financial assistance to be competitively awarded to local public and local non-profit and for-profit private entities—including Early Head Start and Head Start grantees—to provide child and family development services for low-income families with children under age three and pregnant women. Early Head Start programs provide early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services on a year-round basis to low-income families. The purpose of the Early Head Start program is to enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; to support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and to help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

The funds available will be competitively awarded to eligible applicants to operate Early Head Start programs in select service areas.

Grants will be competitively awarded to eligible applicants, including current Head Start and Early Head Start grantees, to operate Early Head Start programs in geographic areas currently served by existing Early Head Start research grantees which were first funded in fiscal years 1995 and 1996 and other Early Head Start grantees first funded in fiscal year 1996 (see list

below for the geographic areas). In awarding these grants, ACYF is interested in assuring that communities currently served by these existing grantees will have an opportunity to continue receiving services to low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women through Early Head Start. Applicants in each geographic area will compete for funds against other applicants wishing to serve the same geographic area. There are 83 such competitive areas.

**DATES:** The closing date and time for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. EST on November 13, 2000.

Note: Applications should be submitted to the ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209. However, prior to preparing and submitting an application, in order to satisfactorily compete under this announcement, it will be necessary for potential applicants to read the full announcement which is available through the addresses listed below.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the program announcement, necessary application forms, and appendices can be obtained by contacting: Early Head Start, ACYF Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300 Arlington, Virginia 22209. The telephone number is 1–800–351–2293, or email to: ehs@lcgnet.com.

Copies of the program announcement and necessary application forms can be downloaded from the Head Start web site at: www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ACYF Operations Center at: 1815 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22209 or telephone: 1–800–351–2293 or email to: ehs@lcgnet.com

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Eligible Applicants: Applicants eligible to apply to become an Early Head Start program are local public and local non-profit and for-profit private entities. Early Head Start and Head Start grantees are eligible to apply.

Project Duration: The competitive awards made through this announcement will be for one-year budget periods and an indefinite project period. Subsequent year budget awards will be made non-competitively, subject to availability of funds and the continued satisfactory performance of the applicant. Current EHS grantees in good standing, who submit acceptable applications, will be given priority in funding decisions.

Federal Share of Project Costs: In most cases, the Federal share will not be more than 80 percent of the total approved costs of the project.

Matching Requirements: Grantees that operate Early Head Start programs must, in most instances, provide a non-Federal contribution of at least 20 percent of the total approved costs of the project.

Available Funds: See attached list of the service areas for the approximate amount of funds available for each area.

Anticipated Number of Projects to be Funded: It is estimated that there will be at least one award for each of the 83 geographic areas.

Statutory Authority: The Head Start Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

Competing applications for financial assistance will be reviewed and evaluated on the six criteria which are summarized below. The point values following each criterion indicate the numerical weight each criterion will be accorded in the review process.

#### Criterion 1. Objectives and Need for Assistance (15 Points)

The extent to which, based on community assessment information, the applicant identifies any relevant physical, economic (e.g., poverty in the community), social, financial, institutional, or other issues which demonstrate a need for the Early Head Start program.

The extent to which the applicant lists relevant program objectives that adequately address the strengths and needs of the community.

The extent to which the applicant describes the population to be served by the project and explains why this population is most in need of the services to be provided by the program.

The extent to which the applicant gives a precise location and rationale for the project site(s) and area(s) to be served by the proposed project.

Criterion 2. Results or Benefits Expected (10 Points)

The extent to which the applicant identifies the results and benefits to be derived from the project and links these to the stated objectives.

The extent to which the applicant describes the kinds of data to be collected and how they will be utilized to measure progress towards the stated results or benefits.

### Criterion 3. Approach (25 Points)

The extent to which the applicant demonstrates a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Head Start Program Performance Standards.

The extent to which the applicant explains why the approach chosen is effective in light of the needs, objectives, results and benefits described above.

The extent to which the approach is grounded in recognized standards and/ or guidelines for high quality service provision or is defensible from a research or "best practices" standpoint.

## Criterion 4. Staff and Position Data and Organization Profiles (15 Points)

The extent to which the proposed program director, proposed key project staff, the organization's experience, including experience in providing early, continuous, and comprehensive child and family development services, and the organization's history with the community demonstrate the ability to effectively and efficiently administer a project of this size, complexity and scope.

The extent to which the applicant's management plan demonstrates sufficient management capacity to implement a high quality Early Head Start program.

The extent to which the organization demonstrates an ability to carry out continuous improvement activities.

## Criterion 5. Third Party Agreements/ Collaboration (15 Points)

The extent to which the applicant presents documentation of efforts (letters of commitment, interagency agreements, etc.) to establish and maintain ongoing collaborative relationships with community partners.

The extent and thoroughness of approaches to combining Early Head Start resources and capabilities with those of other local child care agencies and providers to provide high quality child care services to infants and toddlers which meet the Head Start Program Performance Standards.

### Criterion 6. Budget and Budget Justification (20 points)

The extent to which the program's costs are reasonable in view of the planning and activities to be carried out and the anticipated outcomes.

The extent to which the program has succeeded in garnering cash or in-kind resources, in excess of the required Federal match, from local, State, other Federal or private funding sources. The

extent to which costs for facilities are reasonable and cost effective.

The extent to which the salaries and fringe benefits reflect the level of compensation appropriate for the responsibilities of staff.

The extent to which assurances are provided that the applicant can and will contribute the non-Federal share of the total project cost.

### Required Notification of the State Single Point of Contact

This program is covered under Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," and 45 CFR Part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." Under the Order, States may design their own processes for reviewing and commenting on proposed Federal assistance under covered programs.

All States and territories except
Alabama, Alaska, Colorado,
Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas,
Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota,
Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New
York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon,
Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee,
Vermont, Virginia, Washington,
American Samoa, and Palau have
elected to participate in the Executive
Order process and have established
Single Points of Contact (SPOCs).
Applicants from these jurisdictions
need not take action regarding Executive
Order 12372.

Applications for projects to be administered by Federally recognized Indian Tribes are also exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 12372. Otherwise, applicants should contact their SPOC as soon as possible to alert them to the prospective application and to receive any necessary instructions. Applicants must submit any required material to the SPOC as early as possible so that the program office can obtain and review SPOC comments as part of the award process. It is imperative that the applicant submit all required materials, if any, to the SPOC and indicate the date of this submittal (or date of contact if no submittal is required) on the Standard Form 424,

Under 45 CFR 100.8(a)(2), a SPOC has 60 days from the application deadline to comment on proposed new or competing continuation awards.

SPOCs are encouraged to eliminate the submission of routine endorsements as official recommendations.

Additionally, SPOCs are requested to clearly differentiate between mere advisory comments and those official State process recommendations which may trigger the "accommodate or explain" rule.

When comments are submitted

When comments are submitted directly to the ACF, they should be addressed to: William Wilson, Head Start Bureau, Grants Officer, 330 C Street SW., Room 2220, Washington, DC 20447, Attn: Early Head Start Competition for Select Service Areas. A list of the Single Points of Contact for each State and Territory can be found on the following web site: http:/ /www.hhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/lawsreg/spoc399.htm (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 93.600, Project Head Start) Dated: September 6, 2000.

#### Patricia Montoya,

Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

## EARLY HEAD START: CONSOLIDATED SERVICE AREA MATRIX—FISCAL YEAR 2001

State	County	Funding for the following counties	Current service area(s)
Alaska		\$797,487	Fairbanks North Star Borough (as defined by Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C 1602 (c)).
Arizona	Maricopa	895,843	Chandler, Guadelupe, Mesa, Glendale and Dysart.
Arkansas	Conway	1,295,089	Entire County.
California	El Dorado	884,818	Shingle Springs, El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, Placerville, Georgetown/Kelsey, Camino Polock Pines, Tahoe Basin.
	Fresno	752,322 1,348,756	City of Fresno.  Cities of Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, Culver City, Inglewood, Lennox, Westchester, Venice, Palms and Mar Vista. Bounded on the: North by Wilshire Blvd to Sepulveda to Olympic, East by Beverly Drive to Pico to Durango to La Cienega to Jefferson to Sepulveda to Centinela to Prairie; South by Imperial Highway to Sepulveda to Lincoln to Admiralty Way to Washington, West by the Pacific Ocean.
	Nevada Placer	1,077,655	N. San Juan, Grass Valley, Nevada City. Kings Beach, Truckee, Rockland, Forresthill, and Lincoln.
Colorado	San Mateo  Denver	641,039 1,051,911	Half Moon Bay.  Northwest Denver, bordered by Sheridan Blvd. on the West, I70 on the North, I25 on the East, and Almeda Blvd. on the South.
	Denver	1,380,779	Five Points, Cole, East Colfax, Whittier, Clayton, Northeast Park Hill, Cheeseman Park, Montbello and City Park. Bounded to the north by Broadway and 38th Ave., east to Yosemite, south to 11th Ave., west to Quebec; Quebec south to Hampden, Hampden west to Broadway, Broadway north to 35th Ave.
District of Columbia	Fremont	519,300 670,958	Entire county.  In Ward One an area enclosed by: Northeast—Spring Road, Northwest—Piney Branch Parkway, East-Michigan Avenue to Florida Avenue, Southeast—S Street, West—Rock Creek.  In Ward Two an area enclosed by: Northeast—New Jersey, Florida Avenue and S Street, Northwest—Florida Avenue, East—Florida Avenue and Southwest Freeway, Southeast—Anacostia River, West—Potomac River.  In Ward Four an area enclosed by: Northeast—Eastern Avenue, Northwest—Western Avenue, Southeast—Michigan Avenue, Southwest—Rock Creek.  In Ward Five an area enclosed by: Northeast—Eastern Avenue, Northwest—South Dakota, Southeast—Anacostia River, Southwest—Florida Avenue, West—Harewood Road.
		844,320	Shepherd Park, Upper Cordoza, Adams Morgan and Mount Pleasant.

State	County	Funding for the following counties	Current service area(s)
Florida	Collier  Desota Glades Hardee Hendry	1,611,064	Entire county. Entire county. Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Highlands GadsdenLeon	648,345	Entire county. Quincy, Havana, Gretna City of Tallahassee (1) Bordered on the north by Apalachee, East
			by Capital Circle E., South by Paul Russell Rd., and West by S. Monroe St.;  (2) Bordered on the North by Tharp St., East by N. Monroe St., South by Tennessee St., and West by Capital Circle W.;  (3) Bordered on the North by Tennessee St., East by S. Monroe St., South by Orange Ave., and West by Capital Circle W.  (4) Bordered on the North by Orange Ave., East by Woodville Highway, South by Capital Circle S., and West by Capital Circle SW.;  (5) Bordered on North by Paul Russell Rd., East by Capital Circle SE, South by Capital Circle S., and West by Woodville.
	Hillsboro	1,227,951	Cities of Tampa and Plant City.
Hawaii		635,745	Waipahu to Hawaii Kai.
Idaho	Oahu Clearwater Lewis	453,443 799,716	Kai (Koolauloa).  Nez Perce Reservation.  Nez Perce Reservation.
Illinois		797,309	Cicero, Berwyn, Maywood, and Bellwood.
	Madison	1,140,052	Towns of Alton, Granite City, Pontoon Beach, Venice, Collinsville, and E. Alton.
	Peoria	686,875	City of Peoria.
Indiana	Sangamon	807,911 334,266	Entire county. Entire county.
iliulalia	Owen Putnam	334,200	Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Madison	481,404	1
lowa	Hadin	953,382	Ackley, Alden, Buckeye, Eldora, Garden City, Gifford, Hubbard, Iowa Falls, New Provi- dence, Owasa, Radcliffe, Steamboat Rock, Union.
	Marshall		Albion, Clemons, Dunbar, Ferguson, Gilman, Green Mountain, Haverhill, Larnoille, Laural, LeChwid, Liscomb, Marshalltown, Melbourne, Quarry, Rbodes, St. Anthony, State Center.
	Poweshiek		Baxter, Brooklyn, Deep River, Grinnell, Cuernsey, Hartwick, Lynnville, Malcom, Montezuma Searsboro.
	Story		Ames, Cambridge, Collins, Colo, Fernald, Gilbert, Huxley, Iowa Center, McCallsburg, Maxwell, Nevada, Roland, Slater, Story City, Zcaring.
	Tama		Buckingham, Chelsea, Clutier, Dinsdale, Dysart, Elberom Garwin, Gladbrook, Haven, Lincoln, Montour, Tama, Toledo, Traer, Vining.
Kansas	Polk	513,482 1,302,101	City of Des Moines metropolitan area.  Wyandotte/Douglas county line to the West, Wyandotte/Johnson county line to the South, Kansas/Missouri state line to North and East.
Kentucky	Christian  Daviess Ohio	1,225,952	Hopkinsville. Owensburg. Entire county.
	Clay Harlan	1,146,633	Entire county. Entire county.
Maine	Knox AndroscogginFranklin	686,948	Entire county. Livermore Falls and Livermore. Entire county.
	Southern Oxford	988,204	Grafton, Andover, North Surplus, and Byron.
Maryland	Montgomery	782,515	Rockville South of Route 28, Silver Spring and

State	County	Funding for the following counties	Current service area(s)
Massachusetts	Prince George's Middlesex	787,111	Hyattsville, Riverdale and Langley Park.
Michigan	Antrim Benzie Charlevoix	882,730	Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Emmet Grand Traverse Kalkaska		Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Leelanau Roscommon		Entire county. Entire county.
	Missaukee Wexford Clare	1,288,685	Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Gladwin Mecosta Midland		Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Osceola Delta Menominee	635,322	Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Schoolcraft Genesee	852,969	Entire county. Carman Ainsworth School District and Bendel
	Hillsdale	898,235	School District.  North of Ohio State border, South of US-12 and Moscow Rd., East of M-49, and West of US-127; cities and towns of Camden, Hillsdale,
	Jackson		Jonesville, Litchfield, North Adams, Pittsford, Reading and Waldren.  North of I–94 to Seymore Rd., South of I–94 to US–12, East of US–127 to Clear Lake Rd., West of US–127 to M–99. The cities and towns of Brooklyn, Cement City, Clarke Lake,
			Concord, Grass Lake, Horton, Jackson, Michigan Center, Napolean, Parma, Spring Arbor, and Springport.
	Ottawa	232,085	Town of Ferrysburg, Grand Haven Township, Spring Lake Township, Crockery Township, and Robinson Township.
	Wayne	1,204,280	The following neighborhoods are being served within the <i>City of Detroit:</i> neighborhoods bounded to the:
			(1) North by Woodland Street, to the East by Oakland Street, to the South by Warren Avenue and to the West by Byron Street:
			(2) North by Fullerton Street, to the East by Byron Street, to the South by W. Grand Blvd, and to the West by Holmur Street:
			(3) North by Puritan Street, to the East by Thomson Street, to the South by Fullerton Street and to the West by Meyers Road;
			<ul><li>(4) North by 8 Mile Road, to the East by Southfield Fwy, to the South by Puritan Street and to the West by Five Points Street:</li><li>(5) North by Puritan Street, to the East by</li></ul>
Minnesota	Hennepin	560,976	Southfield Fwy, to the South by Fullerton Street, and to the West by Telegraph Road. American Indian children and families from the communities of North Minneapolis, Phillips,
Missouri	Jackson	793,751	and Northeast Minneapolis.  North: Missouri River, St. John Ave., Anderson St., to 9th St.; West: State Line Rd. to Oak St.; South: 112th St. to 95th St.; East: Hill-
Nebraska	Douglas	784,121	crest to Blue Ridge Cutoff.  City of Omaha  North—I–680; South—Harrison Street (Sarpy County Line); East—Iowa State Line; West—
New Jersey	Scotts Bluff	472,303 832,809	72th Street. Entire county. City of Camden.
·	Essex	783,717	City of East Orange.
New York	Allegheny	323,672	Entire county.

State	County	Funding for the following counties	Current service area(s)
	Bronx	847,985	Bd 8; University Hgts, Bedford Park Commu- nity Bd 7; Fordham, Morris Hgts Community
	Kings		Bd 5: Highbridge Community Bd 4.  Teenage girls attending Board of Education LYFE program in Brooklyn. Students live throughout the county.
	Manhattan		Teenage girls attending Board of Education LYFE program on the Lower East Side. Students live throughout the county.
	Manhattan	785,433	,
	Manhattan	696,374	Lower Eastside Manhattan North of Broadway and South of 14th St., Chelsea West of 7th Ave., and South of 34th Street.
	ManhattanQueens	585,884 896,332	Washington Heights PS District 5 & 8.
	Rockland	817,268 998,746	
North Dakota	Carson	797,487	
Ohio	Cuyahoga	1,123,827	
	Darke Greene Miami	1,016,161	Entire County. Entire county. Entire County.
Pennsylvania	Shelby Allegheny	1,769,081	<ul> <li>Entire county.</li> <li>(1) Clairton: City of Clairton, West Mifflin Estates, Wilson, Jefferson, Classport, Elizabeth, Dravosburg;</li> <li>(2) Storox: McKees Rocks Borough, Kennedy Township, Esplen, Neville Island, Stowe Township;</li> <li>(3) Hill District: Uptown, Upper Hill, Middle Hill, Lower Hill, South Oakland, and North Oakland.</li> </ul>
	Beaver County	682,291 782,515	Entire County.
	Westmoreland	541,092	
Rhode Island	Kent	792,311	Coventry, W. Warwick.
South Carolina	Providence	97,720 767,503	Sumter, Mayesville, Dalzell, Wedgefield, Shaw AFB, Pinewood, Rembert, within the city limits
South Dakota	Brookings Codington Hamlin	632,345	Entire County. Entire County.
	Lake Minnehaha Moody Pennington	795,140	Entire County. Entire County. Entire County.
Tennessee	Meade	962,463	Entire County.

State	County	Funding for the following counties	Current service area(s)
Texas	Brooks	1,396,623	Falfurrias: (1) Area bordered by San Saba Street to the South, West Garret Street to the North, North Center Street to the East and North Chester Street to the West. (2) Area bordered by East Lamar on the North, East Forrest Street on the South, North Lincoln on the East and North Williams Street on the West.
	Jim Wells		(1) City of Alice: an area bordered by Loma Street on the North, on the East by Texas Blvd., on the South by Hill Street and on the West by Cameron Street; and area bounded by Sain Street on the North, Sea Breeze on the South, Texas Blvd. on the West and Stadium Road on the East; (2) City of Premont; and (3) City of Orange Cove.
	Kleberg		City of Kingsville:  (1) an area bordered by Corral road on the South, Armstrong Road on the East, University Blvd. on the West and Avenue F on the North;  (2) W. General Cavos on the South, Sixth Street to the West, Fourteen Street to the East and
	Hays	896,949	Ailsle Avenue to the North.  (1) San Marcos: an area encompassed by the San Marcos CISD (Consolidated Independent School District);  (2) Hayes, an area encompassed by the Hays
	Travis	1,043,545	City CISD.  City of Austin: an area bounded by Lamar on the West, Highway 183 on the East, Highway 290 on the North and William Cannon Drive on the South.
Utah	Box Elder	837,767	Brigham City, Fielding, Garden City Garland, Thatcher, Tremonton. College Ward, Hyde Park, Hyrum, Logan, Mendon, Millville, Nibley, North Logan, Richmond, River Heights Smithfield, Wellsville.
Vermont	Franklin  Caledonia  Essex  Orleans	758,708	Fairview, Preston. Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
Virginia	Windham	1,267,639 425,640 904,938	Entire County. Entire county. Entire county. Entire county. Entire county. Entire county & City of Bristol. Southern Fairfax County from I–495 to Prince
Washington	King	2,438,043	William County. Communities of Kent, Renton, Auburn, Skyway, Tukwila, Southeast King County, and Federal
	Walla Walla		Way.  The greater Walla Walla area, the City of Walla Walla and the surrounding metropolitan area, including the communities of College Place and the Farm Labor Camp.
	Yakima	695,870	Grandview, Mabton, Sunnyside, Granger, Toppenish, White Swan.
Wisconsin	Barron, Chippewa Dunn	857,201	Entire county. Entire county. Entire county.
	Milwaukee	620,590	City of Milwaukee: Bounded by: North: Capital Drive, East: Highway 43, South: Wisconsin Avenue, and West: Sherman.

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Administration for Children and Families

## Native American Program (NAP)

**AGENCY:** Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of open consultations.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given for the dates, locations and hotel sites for two of the four Tribal consultations on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making for direct Federal funding of Tribal child support enforcement (CSE) programs and the interim final rule for funding of comprehensive Tribal CSE programs that are currently operating. On August 21, 2000, the Federal Register published (65 FR 50785 and 65 FR 50800) a notice of proposed rule making (NPRM) and an interim final rule that will implement direct child support enforcement program funding to Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations. In the interest of providing Tribes and Tribal organizations and the public adequate time to review and comment on the NPRM, we modified the standard 60day comment period by extending it to 120-days. The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement will be sponsoring a total of four consultations with federally recognized Indian Tribes and the public Tribal organizations during the 120-day notice and comment period to receive public comment on the proposed rules. This notification provides specific information for the initial two consultations.

DATES: The initial two consultations will be held October 3–5, 2000 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and October 24–26, 2000 in Anchorage, Alaska. The consultations will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. on the first two days. The final half-day session will begin promptly at 8:00 am and end at 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The first consultations, October 3–5, 2000, will be held at the Four Points Hotel, 1330 Industrial Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413. The telephone numbers for reservations are 1 (800) 325–3535 or (612) 331–1900. The second consultation, October 24–26, 2000, will be held at the Holiday Inn-Downtown Anchorage, 239 West 4th Avenue,

Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The telephone number for reservations is 1 (907) 279–8671. All interested parties are invited to attend these public consultations. Seating may be limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodation, should contact the Deputy Director of the Native American Child Support Enforcement Program, Office of Child Support Enforcement, at the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Virginia Apodaca, Deputy Director, Native American Child Support Enforcement Program, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Fourth Floor East, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC 20447 (telephone (202) 401–9376; fax (202) 401–5559; e-mail: vapodaca@acf.dhhs.gov). These are not toll-free numbers. The date, locations and times for the remaining two consultations will be announced in advance in the Federal Register. However, it is expected there will be only four consultations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these consultations will be to provide an overview of the proposed regulations and the interim final rule to attendees. In addition, public comment will be elicited on the proposed regulation and interim final rule. Federal officials will explain both the proposed rules and interim final rules. Persons who attend the consultations may make oral presentations and/or provide written comments for the record at the consultations, at their option. We encourage persons who make oral presentations at the consultations to submit written comments in support of their presentations.

### Agenda

In order to obtain the broadest public participation possible on these proposed rules, the Office of Child Enforcement plans to conduct four public consultations during the 120-day comment period. These consultations are intended to further solicit public comment, Native American and Tribal input on the Native American child support enforcement direct Federal funding proposed rule. The agenda for these consultations consists of two full days where public comments on the proposed rule will be elicited. There will also be a one-half day review of the interim funding application process for those Tribes and Tribal organizations with currently existing comprehensive child support enforcement programs

wishing to submit applications for interim funding of their programs.

#### **Public Participation**

Members of the public wishing to present oral statements at the consultations should send their requests to Ms. Virginia Apodaca, Deputy Director of the Native American Child Support Enforcement Program, as soon as possible or they may register on site at the beginning of each consultation. Such requests should be made by telephone, fax machine, or mail, as shown above. The Deputy Director of the Native American Program will accommodate all such requests on site by reserving time for presentations. The order of persons making such presentations will be assigned in the order in which the requests are received. Members of the public are encouraged to limit oral statements to five minutes, but extended written statements may be submitted for the record. Members of the public also may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record without presenting oral statements. Such written statements should be sent to the Native American Child Support Enforcement Program Deputy Director, as shown above, by mail or fax at least five business days before each meeting.

Minutes of all public meetings and other documents will be available for public inspection and copying at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) fourteen days after the conclusion of each consultation. At DHHS, these documents will be available at the Deputy Director, Native American Child Support Enforcement Program, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Aerospace Building, Fourth Floor—East, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Washington, DC from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions regarding the availability of documents from DHHS should be directed to Virginia Apodaca, OCSE (telephone (202) 401-9376). This is not a toll-free number. Any written comments on the minutes should be directed to Ms. Virginia Apodaca, Deputy Director of the Native American Child Support Enforcement Program, as shown above.

Dated: September 7, 2000.

#### David Gray Ross,

Commissioner, Office of Child Support Enforcement.

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