



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

November 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Section 184 Proposed Regulations – Tribal Comments on Draft Subparts B and C

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is currently revising the regulations for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program. HUD has placed these regulations as a top priority on its regulatory agenda. Since the Section 184 program impacts Tribes and Native American families, HUD is conducting tribal consultation on the regulations in accordance with HUD's Tribal Consultation Policy.

To kick-off the tribal consultation process, HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) held four national tribal consultations and seven regional tribal consultations February – May 2018. During these consultations, HUD recorded tribal comments, which were then summarized and placed on ONAP's website. HUD is considering these comments as it drafts the proposed regulations. Additionally, HUD has a dedicated email address for Tribes to submit comments prior to the publication of the proposed rule in the *Federal Register*.

On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, HUD held another tribal consultation in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) annual meeting. During the consultation, HUD handed out two subparts of the draft proposed Section 184 regulations. These two sections are enclosed for your review and comment. All comments may be submitted to: 184consultation@hud.gov. Alternatively, Tribes may submit comments by postal mail to:


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Office of Loan Grantee
HUD – Office of Native American Programs
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HUD also will be conducting a second in-person tribal consultation on the draft proposed rule during the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) legal symposium held December 10-12, 2018, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Once HUD has drafted the complete set of proposed regulations, HUD will send another copy of the draft proposed rule to Tribes for comment via a "Dear Tribal Leader letter" with a 60-day comment period. Once this tribal comment period is over and any comments received are considered, HUD will publish the proposed rule in the *Federal Register* for public comment.

Input from Tribal leaders is essential to developing the best possible regulations for the Section 184 program. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs

Attachment

cc: Tribally Designated Housing Entity