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Tribal Orphaned Well Site Plugging, Remediation, and Restoration Grants

1. Introduction and Program Background

Orphaned wells can negatively impact current and future oil and gas development activities and pose significant risk to national energy security and public safety. Interior's orphaned wells program is an important component of President Trump's efforts to unleash American energy and address our National Energy Emergency.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriated funding to establish Tribal grant programs that address orphaned oil and gas wells on Tribal lands. The relevant Section of the Act amended Section 349 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which is codified at 42 U.S.C. § 15907 - Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration. Title 42 U.S.C. § 15907(d) outlines the requirements for establishing a Tribal orphaned wells program.

The Department of the Interior remains committed to advancing the Trump Administration's priorities of fiscal responsibility, operational efficiency, and government accountability. The Orphaned Wells Program Office (OWPO) ensures the effective, accountable, and efficient implementation of the 42 U.S.C. § 15907 programs that address the challenges created by orphaned wells. Consistent with this vision and with an eye on fiscal responsibility—combatting waste, fraud, and abuse—the OWPO issues guidance, reviews applications, and administers grants to States.

The Tribal Orphaned Wells Program is being implemented in phases. The Phase 1 Tribal Grant Guidance was issued on November 23, 2022. In Phase 1, Tribes had until February 19, 2023, to apply and the Department awarded approximately \$39.4 million in Phase 1 Tribal grants. The Phase 2 Tribal Grant Guidance was issued on March 5, 2024. In Phase 2, Tribes had until May 14, 2024, to apply and the Department awarded approximately \$39.8 million in Phase 2 Tribal grants. An estimated \$17.5 million in Phase 2 Tribal grant applications are still under review with award anticipated soon after publication of the Revised Tribal Grant Guidance.

This Revised Tribal Grant Guidance replaces the November 23, 2022, Phase 1 Tribal Grant Guidance and the March 5, 2024, Phase 2 Tribal Grant Guidance in their entirety. This Revised Tribal Grant Guidance does not open a new application window but does set forth revised pre- and post-award requirements for all Tribal grants.

The OWPO will use this Revised Guidance to improve oversight and accountability as identified by the Office of the Inspector General in their recent Inspection Report – *The Orphaned Wells Program Office Must Better Monitor the Osage Nation's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*

Orphaned Wells Program Funding Progress (Report No. 2025-ISP-003). Specifically, Notices of Award for all grants will include reference to tangible milestones for the execution of awarded grants in order for the OWPO to monitor progress, ensure that recipients meet their performance goals, and decrease the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse. The Department is committed to providing all Tribal Grant recipients with an adequate opportunity to demonstrate progress toward achieving their grant-specific performance goals before publishing a notice of funding opportunity for Phase 3 Tribal Grants.

2. Authority

- Public Law 117-58, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Division D, Title VI, Methane Reduction Infrastructure, Section 40601, Orphaned well site plugging, remediation, and restoration
- 42 U.S.C. § 15907, Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended
- Assistance Listing Number 15.018 (Energy Community Revitalization Program)

3. Types of Assistance

The document applies to both types of Federal Financial Assistance (grants) awarded to Tribes, which include the following:

- 1) **Tribal Implementation Grants:** fund plugging, remediation, and reclamation activities, including identification and assessment of orphaned wells on Tribal lands.
- 2) **Tribal Program Development Grants:** fund activities to develop and administer a Tribal program to carry out plugging, remediation, and reclamation activities for orphaned wells on Tribal lands including identification and assessment, training, and other capacity-building activities.

4. Eligible Activities

Funds awarded under these opportunities remain limited to planning and implementation activities for the plugging, remediation, and reclamation of orphaned wells and well sites located on Tribal land.

With respect to Tribal land, the term “orphaned well” means:

- 1) A well that is not used for an authorized purpose, such as production, injection, or monitoring; and
- 2) A well for which no operator can be located; or
A well for which a locatable operator is unable to plug the well and remediate and reclaim the well site.

Under these opportunities, an orphaned well generally is or was associated with oil and gas production; including wells and associated features whose design or uses were not directly related to production, such as injection, monitoring, or disposal wells.

“Tribal land” is defined as any land or interest in land owned by a Tribe, the title to which is:

- 1) Held in trust by the United States; or
- 2) Subject to a restriction against alienation under Federal law.

This includes plugging, abandonment, and reclamation of wells drilled into minerals that are held in trust or restricted status for a Tribe, even if the surface estate is not; and remediation of surface that is held in trust or restricted status for a Tribe, even if the minerals are not.

Lands owned by individual Indians in trust or restricted status are not eligible. Applicants inquiring about plugging, remediating, and reclaiming orphaned wells on ineligible Indian lands are invited to contact the Department's technical specialists to identify relevant funding opportunities. (See the Federal Awarding Agency Contacts for Assistance Section of this announcement for more information.)

5. Standards for Inspection, Plugging, and Remediation

Proposed plugging, remediation, and reclamation of orphaned wells or well sites on Tribal land must follow Tribal standards, or, if a Tribe does not have established well-plugging standards, the "Drilling abandonment" standards that are found at [43 CFR 3172.12](#), at a minimum.

A. Pre- and Post-Plugging Inspection

1. A Tribe must inspect each orphaned well and well site being considered under the grant prior to commencement of plugging and abandonment. Pre-plugging inspections should evaluate the conditions at each orphaned well site and contribute to the accuracy of cost estimates and project plans by assessing technical well and wellbore conditions, site access, leak detection, and other safety and environmental factors. A Tribe must conduct or supervise post-plugging inspections within 12 months of the plugging activity and ensure that the well was properly plugged in accordance with the standards that are discussed below in the section titled "Well Plugging and Site Reclamation and Remediation."
2. A Tribe-approved, qualified arms-length entity may also conduct post-plugging inspections. Post-plugging inspections must be documented to create a verifiable record. To the extent practical, each well should be physically or electronically tagged after it is plugged, with tags indicating the date the well was plugged and the Tribe entity or contractors responsible for the plugging.
3. Unless required by relevant Tribal or other Federal law, a Tribe is not required to measure methane emissions before or after plugging an orphaned well that was or will be plugged using grant funds. A Tribe may use estimates in place of reporting actual measurements. Although not required, if a Tribe elects to actually measure methane emissions, a Tribe may use grant funds to do so.
4. Pre- and post-plugging values of gaseous emissions (particularly methane), water contamination, and acres restored may be included, per well, in the Data Reporting Template and in its periodic performance reports. A Tribe may provide actual or estimated values in its Template as appropriate.

B. Well Plugging and Site Reclamation and Remediation

1. A Tribe with established and documented well plugging standards or authorities will require their contractors to meet those requirements. For a Tribe that does not have established well plugging standards or authorities, the work must meet or exceed the plugging standards in either 43 C.F.R. § 3172.12, formerly a portion of Bureau of Land Management's Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2, for onshore wells; or, for offshore wells, 30 C.F.R. Part 250.

2. Tribes will meet or exceed any well plugging witnessing and documentation requirements pursuant to Tribal or other relevant non-Federal law and authorities.
3. For Tribes with established well abandonment standards (inclusive of those actions necessary to complete surface reclamation and revegetation), all well closures shall meet those requirements. If a Tribe does not have well abandonment standards, a well site must reflect, at minimum, the Bureau of Land Management's Reclamation and Abandonment Standards. For additional details, see: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/Chapter%206%20-%20Reclamation%20and%20Abandonment.pdf>.
4. Remediation and reclamation of contaminants in soil resulting from orphaned wells shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Tribal, non-Federal (if any), or Federal law and authorities.
5. Proposed plugging, remediation, and reclamation of orphaned wells and well sites **may not** include costs associated with conditioning wells as a water supply source.

6. Funding Restrictions

A. Administrative Cost Limits for Tribal Implementation Grants

Administrative costs for Tribal Implementation Grants shall be limited to no more than 10 percent of the federal funds received for each grant. This limitation does not apply to Tribal Program Development Grant proposals.

"Administrative costs" are those costs that cannot be directly attributed to well plugging and site reclamation projects, but instead to general grants management or program administration. Administrative costs can be expended for personnel or non-personnel costs, and can be direct or indirect, but should represent the costs to the Tribe for managing the overall grant-funded work rather than preparation for and execution of individual projects.

B. Pre-award Costs

Pre-award costs are those incurred prior to the effective date of the federal award or subaward directly pursuant to the negotiation and in anticipation of the federal award where such costs are necessary for efficient and timely performance of the scope of work. Such costs are allowable only to the extent that they would have been allowable if incurred after the date of the federal award and only with the written approval of the federal awarding agency. If charged to the award, these costs must be charged to the initial budget period of the award and described in required reports.

The Department waives the prior written approval requirements for pre-award project costs that were incurred within 90 calendar days before the federal award effective date. Applicants must obtain written approval from the Department's FAO prior to incurring pre-award costs that were included in the application but more than 90 calendar days before the federal award effective date.

All costs incurred prior to the effective date are at the recipient's risk of non-reimbursement if the Department determines that the costs are not allowable, necessary, allocable, and reasonable.

C. Expenditure and Reimbursement

Recipients of grants under this announcement shall obligate all funding within five years of the date of the receipt of the funds (*i.e.*, the effective date of the award specified in the grant agreement) unless the Department approves an extension. Recipients must reimburse the

Secretary for all funds that remain unobligated within five years of the effective date of the award or at the end of an approved period of performance, whichever is later. Obligated funds are those that are subject to a definite commitment that creates a legal liability of the Tribe for an immediate or future payment for goods or services ordered or received, including by contract or sub-contract award.

7. Application Content Requirements

Applications must include the required standard forms, information, documentation, and statements, as described below. The Department will provide all required forms in the GrantSolutions announcement application kit. Submission in GrantSolutions of forms requiring signature is the equivalent of a wet or digital signature. In addition to the required application components listed below, an applicant may provide other documentation supporting the application by uploading file attachments or identifying “mail-in” documents as part of a GrantSolutions submission.

Pursuant to this Revised Tribal Grant Guidance, applicants that timely submitted Phase 2 applications are authorized to revise their applications, including their Project Narrative (Workplan), Budget Narrative, and any other required application forms. Applicants that were previously awarded Phase 1 or Phase 2 grants may submit revised materials, if necessary, to facilitate an amendment pursuant to this Revised Tribal Grant Guidance.

Each submitted application, including a revised application, will be promptly reviewed for completeness and an applicant will be notified of any deficiencies in their application, such as a failure to meet the requirements stated in 42 U.S.C. § 15907, applicable Federal authorities, and this guidance. Failure to appropriately resolve such deficiencies within a reasonable timeframe may result in a determination, at the Secretary’s discretion, that the application is incomplete. The Department will then cease processing the application and the applicant will be notified. In such a situation, the applicant may submit additional applications in future phases.

A. SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance Form

All applicants must submit the Standard Form (SF)-424, Application for Federal Assistance. The Authorized Representative’s submission of this form in GrantSolutions represents their certification to the Department that the entity’s financial management system meets [Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 200.302](#) financial management requirements. The entity’s financial management system must be sufficient to:

- 1) Permit the preparation of required reports,
- 2) Trace funds to a level of expenditures adequate to establish that the entity has used such funds per federal statutes, regulations, and terms and conditions of the federal award,
- 3) Provide for the requirements in [2 CFR 200.302\(b\)](#), and
- 4) Comply with the records retention and access requirements in [2 CFR 200.334-337](#).

If this application requests more than \$100,000 in federal funds, the Authorized Representative’s signature on or submission of the SF-424 form in GrantSolutions also represents their certification of the statements in [43 CFR part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying](#).

When completing the SF-424 Application form, enter only the amount requested from this Federal program in Box 18a, Estimated Federal Funding. Include any other Federal sources of funding in Box 18e, Estimated Other Funding and identify any such sources and amounts in the required Budget Narrative.

B. SF-424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs Form

Applicants must submit the SF-424A, “Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs” form. Federal award recipients and subrecipients are subject to [Federal award cost principles in 2 CFR 200](#). Show funds requested from this Federal program separately from any other Federal sources of funding. In “Section A - Budget Summary”, enter the funding requested from this Federal program in the first row. Enter funding requested or received from any other Federal program(s) for this project in subsequent row(s). Enter each Federal program’s Assistance Listing Number in the corresponding fields on the form. For this program’s Assistance Listing Number, see the Program Authority section of this document. Provide a separate description and total estimated costs for both contractual and subaward costs in the required Budget Narrative (see below). For assistance with completing this form, see the [Completing the Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs \(SF-424A\) Video](#), which can be found at <https://fawiki.fws.gov/spaces/VLSV/pages/77922415/Virtual+Learning+Series+Videos+Home>.

C. Key Contacts Form (OMB 4040-0010)

Applicants must submit the Key Contacts form and provide the required information for at least one contact who will exercise a fiscal or project management role in administration of the proposed project.

D. Project Abstract Summary

Applicants must submit a Project Abstract Summary in the corresponding screen in GrantSolutions. For all funded projects, the Project Abstract Summary submitted with your application to the Department will be made available to the public on USASpending.gov. In the Project Abstract Summary, applicants must provide a brief award description. The description must be in plain language that the public can understand without viewing the full project proposal. It should include a brief, simple description of the project purpose, activities to be performed, deliverables and expected outcomes, intended beneficiaries, and subrecipient activities, if known at the time of submission. Do not include personally identifiable, sensitive, or proprietary information in the Project Abstract Summary. Use only English characters, numbers, punctuation, and standard symbols. Use of non-English, non-standard characters (also referred to as special or extended ASCII characters) will result in the award description failing to be reported correctly to USASpending.gov. Award descriptions are limited to 4,000 characters or less. Applicants should check the length of the award description and proofread for grammar and spelling.

E. Project Narrative

A Project Narrative (or, hereafter, Workplan) must include sufficient information for the Department to determine whether the Tribe’s proposed activities can realistically be achieved and are consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 15907, other federal law and authorities, and the grant’s anticipated terms and conditions. While there is no prescribed form or format for the Workplan, the Department encourages applicants to use the optional Workplan Template included in GrantSolutions to organize narrative responses under headings corresponding to the numbered elements, listed below, for the specific grant type. The work proposed in the Workplan should be supported by the Budget Narrative.

A Workplan may include a brief introduction and should identify the proposal as either a Tribal Program Development Grant or a Tribal Implementation Grant. A Tribe requesting both types of awards must submit separate applications for each request.

Workplans are limited to 10 numbered pages, inclusive of all text and references, with at least 1-inch margins on all sides and 11-point font. Supporting documents may be submitted as separate attachments.

A) For a **Tribal Implementation Grant**, a Workplan must provide all the following:

1) A description of:

- The Tribal program for orphaned well plugging, remediation, and reclamation/restoration, including legal authorities, processes used to identify and prioritize orphaned wells including priorities that increase domestic oil and gas production and development activities, support the Administration's efforts to unleash American energy, and address our National Energy Emergency, procurement mechanisms, and other program elements demonstrating the readiness of the Tribe to carry out the proposed activities, or plans to develop such a program; and
- The activities to be carried out with the grant funding, including identification of the estimated health, safety, habitat, and environmental benefits of plugging, remediating, or reclaiming orphaned wells. Tribes are encouraged to carry out activities that increase domestic oil and gas production and development activities, support the Administration's efforts to unleash American energy, and address our National Energy Emergency.

2) An estimate of:

- The number of wells and/or well sites that will be plugged, remediated, and/or reclaimed under the proposed project;
- The unemployment rate of the Tribe at the time of application;
- The amount of projected costs that will be offset by the forfeiture of financial assurance instruments, the estimated salvage of well site equipment, or other proceeds from the orphaned wells and adjacent land;
- The number of jobs that will be created or saved through the activities to be funded under this grant; and
- The activities and costs associated with administration of the project. (Note: Administrative costs must not exceed ten percent of the total costs for the project proposal. See Section 12 A of this announcement for a detailed explanation of administrative costs and limitations.)

3) A description of the plugging standards to be applied, including planning procedures and witnessing requirements (*e.g.*, qualifications of witness(es), documentation/certification of work to standards). The plugging standards to be applied must be included as an attachment or a link within the Workplan.

- A Tribe with established and documented well-plugging standards and regulations must ensure that employees and contractors meet those requirements.
- A Tribe that does not have established well-plugging standards must meet or exceed Bureau of Land Management (BLM) standards for "Drilling abandonment," which can be found at [43 CFR 3172.12](#).

4) A description of the methodology to be used for pre- and post- plugging inspection consistent with the standards described in Standards for Inspection, Plugging, and Remediation Section of this guidance, including pre- and post-plugging inspection and

measurement documentation as a verifiable record of activities and the efficacy of the work completed as part of the project.

- 5) If applicable, a description of the methodology to be used to measure and track ground- and surface-water contamination associated with orphaned wells, including how the Tribe will evaluate and document the effectiveness of plugging activities in reducing or eliminating such contamination.
 - 6) If applicable, a description of the methodology to be used and standards applied to decommission or remove associated pipelines, facilities, and infrastructure and to the presence of orphaned wells and associated infrastructure, consistent with the standards described in Standards for Inspection, Plugging, and Remediation Section of this guidance.
 - 7) If applicable, a description of methods for identifying and inventorying undocumented orphaned wells.
 - 8) Proposed performance goals, including a work schedule, with tangible milestones, providing a description and date ranges for key activities in the accomplishment of proposed projects and the objectives of the Workplan.
 - 9) Required data elements, including well identification number, name, type, latitude/longitude, and location accuracy, and any other available well information, such as pre-plugging emissions and contaminants measurements or estimates, for each well or well site to be plugged, remediated, or reclaimed under the proposed project. Applicants must submit data elements using the Tribal Grant Program Data Reporting template included in the GrantSolutions announcement application kit. At minimum, applicants must complete columns A through H under the Implementation tab of the template.
- B) For a **Tribal Program Development Grant**, a Workplan must provide all the following:
- 1) The Tribe's current unemployment rate.
 - 2) A description of known orphaned wells on Tribal land including a numerical estimate, or evidence that points to the likelihood of orphaned wells on Tribal land that have not yet been identified and/or assessed.
 - 3) A description of the number and purpose of each personnel supported under this grant.
 - 4) A description of training and equipment to be received by each personnel and how they relate to an orphaned well program.
 - 5) A description of the methodology for conducting and reporting inventory and assessment of undocumented orphaned wells.
 - 6) Proposed performance goals, including a work schedule, with tangible milestones, providing a description and date ranges for key activities in the accomplishment of proposed projects and the objectives of the Workplan.
 - 7) A description of how the Tribal Program Development Grant will evolve into a Tribal Implementation Grant proposal or other orphaned well plugging, remediation, and reclamation actions within 2 years of the effective date of the Development Grant. Tribes are encouraged to carry out activities that increase domestic oil and gas production and development activities, support the Administration's efforts to unleash American energy, and address our National Energy Emergency.

F. Budget Narrative

Applicants must include a budget narrative that describes and justifies requested budget items and costs. In your budget narrative, describe how the SF-424 Budget Information, “Object Class Category” totals were determined. Describe any proposed [items of cost that require prior approval](#) under the [Federal award cost principles](#), including any anticipated sub-awarding, transferring, or contracting out of any work under the award. Provide a separate description and total estimated costs for both contractual and subaward costs. If equipment previously purchased with federal funds is available for the project, provide a list of that equipment and identify the federal funding source. Please note the prohibitions on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment in [2 CFR 200.216](#). The Department’s [Unmanned Aircraft web page](#) provides additional information about unmanned aircraft and related equipment and software.

There is no page limit or required format for the Budget Narrative. Applicants may use the optional Budget Narrative template included in GrantSolutions and/or adhere to the following clarifications:

- A) Personnel: Provide the title, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time and resultant dollar amount for each of the personnel included in the total line-item dollar amount. (Example: J. Smith, Curator, 40 hours per week for 50 weeks at \$20.00 per hour = \$40,000). Note: Personnel are part of the applicant’s organization. Consultants and independent contractors should be listed under F. Contractual.
- B) Fringe Benefits: Provide the fringe benefits rate and dollar amount for each position identified under Personnel.
- C) Travel: Provide the unit of measure, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for each of the following travel details: airfare; lodging; per diem; ground transportation; housing stipend; and transportation stipend. Indicate if the proposed travel costs comply with the Tribe’s written travel policy or with [current maximum federal rates](#).
- D) Equipment: List any equipment, defined in 2 CFR 200.1 as “tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000,” to be purchased or leased with federal funds. Provide quotes or estimates obtained to support the cost amount and include a written justification for the planned acquisition(s).
- E) Supplies: Provide a description, quantity, cost per unit, and resultant dollar amount for any consumable supplies, raw materials, and expendable equipment (items costing less than \$5,000 and/or having an estimated useful life of less than one year). “General office supplies” or “miscellaneous supplies” are not acceptable line items.
- F) Contractual: Provide the contract/sub-award description, unit of time, quantity, cost per unit of time and resultant dollar amount for each contract/sub-award. Describe market research undertaken to determine an accurate budgetary estimate. Describe how contract services will be obtained.
- G) Construction: For the purpose of budgeting, construction is defined as all types of work done on a particular building, including erecting, altering, or remodeling. Construction conducted by the award recipient is entered under this category. Any construction work that is performed by a vendor or subrecipient should be entered under F) Contractual. List all proposed construction costs, providing a basis of cost such as engineering estimates, prior construction, etc., and briefly justify each cost’s need as it applies to the Workplan.

- H) Other Costs: Provide the description, quantity, cost per unit and resultant dollar amount for each item that does not fit within one of the other budget categories. Please identify all Training costs under this heading. “Miscellaneous,” “overhead,” and “contingency” are not acceptable line items.
- I) Total Direct Charges: Sub-total of items A through H.
- J) Indirect Costs: Provide the indirect cost rate percentage, type (negotiated or 10% de minimis), associated base, and resultant indirect amount. Please attach a copy of the current negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, or elect the 15% de minimis rate, and apply the approved rate accordingly.
- K) Total Federal Funding Request: List the total amount of Federal funds requested. Check that this amount matches those listed on the SF-424 and SF-424A before submitting the application.
- L) Administrative Costs (Tribal Implementation Grants only): List the total amount of administrative costs, as well as the component costs—both direct and indirect—comprising the total. Verify that administrative costs do not exceed ten percent of the proposed budget.

G. Indirect Costs Information and Statement

Applicants must submit the applicable statement from the list of options below and attach required documentation, as described in the applicable statement. Please contact the Department’s FAO if none of these statements apply.

- We have a current negotiated indirect cost rate, dated [insert date]. In the event we receive an award, we will charge indirect costs per our current negotiated rate agreement. Attached is a copy of our current rate agreement.
- We have a negotiated indirect cost rate that has expired. Attached is copy of our most recently negotiated rate agreement. If we receive an award, we will submit an indirect cost rate proposal to our cognizant agency within 90 calendar days after the award date. We understand we must provide the Department’s FAO with a copy of our approved rate agreement before charging indirect costs to the federal award.
- We request to allocate costs per a current Federal Agency-approved Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) pending approval of a negotiated indirect cost rate. We will ensure any changes from the CAP to the actual approved rate in the negotiated indirect cost agreement align with the amounts reimbursed during the award period and will reconcile any charges to the actual rate approved for the time period.
- We will charge all costs directly.

H. Uniform Audit Reporting Statement

All U.S. states, local governments, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations expending \$1,000,000 USD or more in federal award funds in the entity’s fiscal year must submit a Single Audit report for that year through the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse’s Internet Data Entry System](#), in accordance with [2 CFR 200, subpart F](#). U.S. state, local government, Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, and non-profit applicants must include in their application a statement indicating if your organization was or was not required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year. If your organization was required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year, provide the

Employer Identification Number (EIN) associated with that report and state if it is available on the [Federal Audit Clearinghouse website](#).

8. Review of Risk Posed by Applicants

Prior to award, the Department will evaluate risk posed by applicants selected for funding per [2 CFR 200.206](#). Prior to approving awards for federal funding above the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), we must review and consider any information about or from the applicant found in the [Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System](#). We will consider this information when completing the risk review. The Department uses the results of the risk evaluation to establish monitoring plans, recipient reporting frequency requirements, and to determine if one or more specific award conditions in [2 CFR 200.208](#) should be applied to the award.

9. Award Terms and Conditions

The [Department of the Interior Standard Award Terms and Conditions](#) apply to awards under this program. The Department will describe all program-specific or special terms and conditions in the Notice of Award.

A. Buy America Provision for Infrastructure: Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials

As required by Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([Public Law 117-58](#)), on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of a federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. Recipients conducting infrastructure projects under the award must include related requirements in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for infrastructure work or products under this program.

Learn more about the Buy America preference and Department policies and waivers at <https://www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica>

B. Financial Reports

Recipients must use the [SF-425, Federal Financial Report Form](#) to submit financial reports to the Department. All recipients must submit a final financial report no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. If the award period of performance is longer than 12 months, recipients must also submit interim financial reports on the schedule established by the Department in their Notice of Award. The Department will describe all financial reporting requirements in the Notice of Award. For assistance with how to complete the SF-425, see the [Completing the Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\) Video](#).

C. Performance Reports

Recipients must submit a final performance report no later than 120 calendar days after the award period of performance end date or termination date. If the award period of performance is longer than 12 months, recipients must also submit interim performance reports on the schedule established by the Department in their Notice of Award. The recipient's interim performance report should provide a narrative summary that includes: (1) total known and inventoried orphaned wells on tribal land; (2) total number of jobs created or saved through the funded activities; (3) a comparison of actual accomplishments with the established performance goals, including updates to milestones and key accomplishments related to project activities and the objectives of the approved Workplan; (4) a description of reasons why established performance goals and milestones were not met, if appropriate; (5) a summary forecast of future activities and

how the milestones and key accomplishments related to project activities and the objectives of the approved Workplan will be accomplished; and (6) any other pertinent information relevant to accountability for project results.

The Department will describe all performance reporting requirements in the Notice of Award.

D. Data Reporting Requirements for Program Development Grants

To standardize reporting requirements and ensure the Federal resources are used consistent with federal law and authorities, and the terms and conditions of the grant, each Recipient must track and submit the applicable and required information to OWPO using the Data Reporting Template. Recipients must submit to the Department a Data Reporting Template, with their respective updated information, beginning 12 months from the effective date and with each performance report submitted thereafter for the duration of the grant. Recipients are required to use the approved Data Reporting Template, consistent with OMB Control No: 1093-0012 and included in Grant Solutions.

E. Data Reporting Requirements for Implementation Grants

To standardize reporting requirements and ensure the Federal resources are used consistent with federal law and authorities, and the terms and conditions of the grant, each Recipient must track and submit the applicable and required information to OWPO using the Data Reporting Template. Recipients must submit to the Department a Data Reporting Template, with their respective updated information with each performance report submitted for the duration of the grant. Recipients are required to use the approved Data Reporting Template, consistent with OMB Control No: 1093-0012 and included in Grant Solutions

F. Significant Development Reports

Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates which have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, to decrease the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse, recipients are required to notify the Department in writing as soon as the recipient becomes aware of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of any corrective action(s) taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. The recipient should also notify the Department in writing of any favorable developments that enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

G. Real Property Reports

Recipients and subrecipients are required to submit reports on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the federal government retains an interest. Submission of real property reports to the Department is an annual requirement and must include the following information for each article of real property: (1) make; (2) model; (3) serial number or Vehicle Identification Number; (4) purchase price; (5) purchase date; (6) current location of property; (7) percentage of vested federal interest in title.

The Department will provide disposition instructions after the end of period of performance or when the equipment is no longer needed.

10. Mandatory Disclosures

Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies for noncompliance described in [2 CFR 200.339](#), including suspension or debarment (see also [2 CFR part 180](#) and [2 CFR 1400](#)).

A. Conflicts of Interest

Per [2 CFR 1402.112](#), non-federal entities and their employees must take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to federal financial assistance agreements. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the provisions in [2 CFR 200.318](#) apply. Non-federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the Department's awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with [2 CFR 200.112](#). Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Department's FAO identified in their notice of award in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those reported by subrecipients. The Department will examine each disclosure to determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, work with the applicant or recipient to develop an appropriate resolution. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the government may be cause for termination of the award.

B. Lobbying

If the federal share of the award is more than \$100,000, recipients must disclose making or agreeing to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection with the award. To make such disclosures, recipients must complete and submit the [SF-LLL "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" form](#) to the Department. For more information on when additional submission of this form is required, see [43 CFR 18](#). These restrictions and disclosure requirements are not applicable to such expenditures by Indian tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization that are specifically permitted by other federal law.

C. Other Mandatory Disclosures

Recipients and subrecipients must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Department's FAO identified in their notice of award or pass-through entity all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Non-federal entities subject to the [2 CFR 200, Appendix XII—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters](#) are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM.gov.

11. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts for Assistance

For technical assistance, including questions concerning this Guidance, Workplans, technical requirements, and for all activities associated with the plugging, remediation, and reclamation of orphaned wells and well sites, contact:

DOI Orphaned Wells Program Office
 Mike Morden (Financial Assistance Officer Representative)
 202-219-3283
DOI_OrphanedWells_Tribal@ios.doi.gov

For grants administration (financial) assistance, including downloading application materials, questions about grant requirements, and requests for approval of pre-award costs, contact:

DOI Interior Business Center
 Eleni Sarris (Financial Assistance Officer)
 571-513-3033
aqd-fa.tribes@ibc.doi.gov

12. Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

For information concerning the Paperwork Reduction Act, as it pertains to this announcement, please see OMB Control Number: 1093-0012. Expires 11/30/2027.