

drug courts are more effective than traditional court settings in decreasing the time needed to reach permanent placements for children; increasing the frequency of successful parent-child reunifications and decreasing the frequency of terminations of parental rights; decreasing the time children spend in foster care; and reducing child welfare recidivism.

An intent-to-treat sampling model will be used for the treatment groups at each site during a 2.5-year recruitment window. The expected number of treatment group subjects varies by site based on program capacity, as illustrated in the table below. Comparison groups will be recruited in three of the four sites, with equal numbers of comparison group

participants at each site; no comparison group will be used in San Diego because that county has implemented a system-wide reform. Interview data will be sought from all persons included in the administrative datasets.

Interview participants will take part in a baseline interview within one month of their dispositional hearing and three follow-up interviews. Follow-up One will take place six months later, Follow-Up Two will take place 12 months after baseline, and Follow-Up Three will take place 24 months after baseline. The interview tool will assess participants' perceptions of the services they are receiving and their interactions with the court, treatment, and child welfare systems; their understanding of what they need to do in order to be

reunified with their children; and their feelings of empowerment and control over the process. Each interview will last approximately one hour. Administrative data, including child welfare and treatment data, will be collected annually to ascertain the type, frequency, and timeliness of services received and to capture the crucial child welfare outcomes of interest, including the timing and type of permanency plans for children, the length of time children spend in foster care, and subsequent involvement in the child welfare system.

The project is scheduled over a four-year time period. Therefore, the estimates in the table below are annualized based on planned activities for the entire four years.

	No. of respondents	Responses/respondent	Hours/response	Total burden hrs.
Client Interviews .....	1,295	4	1.0	5,180
Tracking telephone calls .....	1,295	3	0.17	220
Total .....	1,295	.....	.....	5,400
4-yr. Annual Average .....	1,295	.....	.....	1,350

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 23, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Vacancies for Committee Members on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** There are several vacancies on the committee that the Department has convened to negotiate regulations to implement the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. We propose filling these vacancies by naming current committee alternates and other qualified individuals. Tribes, tribal organizations, and individual tribal members who believe that their interests will not be adequately represented by the persons identified in this notice may

submit comments on the proposed selection, apply for membership on the committee, or submit other nominations.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice and nominations for committee members must be received no later than February 13, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations and comments to Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-4058-MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240; or fax to (202) 208-4696. Nominations and comments received by BIA will be available for inspection at the address listed above from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. LeRoy Gishi, (202) 208-4359.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 11, 1999, in a **Federal Register** notice (64 FR 6825), the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) announced selection of members of the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to develop proposed regulations for the Indian Reservation Roads program under the Negotiated Rulemaking Act and Section 1115 of TEA-21. The Secretary selected two primary tribal Committee representatives and two tribal alternates from nominees from tribes in each of the twelve Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regions. In addition, the Secretary selected five additional primary tribal Committee members from various

regions to balance interests on the Committee and selected eleven Federal representatives. The Committee began negotiations on the proposed regulations in March 1999 and the Secretary published proposed regulations in August 2002.

The Committee must reconvene in early 2003 to consider public comments and make recommendations for final regulations. During the tenure of the Committee, some primary tribal Committee members have become unable to continue to serve on the Committee. In order to continue to fulfill the requirements of TEA-21 for tribal Committee membership, the Secretary must appoint representatives to fill tribal member vacancies on the Committee. Tribes, tribal organizations, and individual tribal members who believe that their interests will not be adequately represented by the persons identified in this notice may submit comments on the proposed selection, apply for membership on the committee, or submit other nominations by the date in the "DATES" section.

The Secretary is required to use a negotiated rulemaking process to issue regulations governing the Indian Reservation Roads program and establish a formula for allocating all contractible funds among Indian tribes for fiscal year 2000 and subsequent years (23 U.S.C. Section 202, as amended by TEA-21 (Pub. L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 154.)) The Secretary is also required to: