

(1) Apply the procedures of negotiated rulemaking under subchapter III of chapter 5 of Title 5 (the Negotiated Rulemaking Act) in a manner that reflects the unique government-to-government relationship between the Indian tribes and the United States; and

(2) Ensure that the membership of the committee includes only representatives of the Federal Government and of geographically diverse small, medium, and large Indian tribes. For more information on the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee see 67 FR 51328, dated August 7, 2002.

Based upon recommendations for proposed regulations and a funding formula the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee provided to the Secretary, the Secretary published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on August 7, 2002 (67 FR 51328). The public comment period for the NPRM ended on November 7, 2002. The Committee must now reconvene to consider the public comments and make recommendations to the Secretary for final regulations and a funding formula. The Secretary must fill the primary tribal member vacancies on the Committee to ensure that tribal interests on the Committee, required by TEA-21, are balanced to include:

(1) Members of geographically diverse small, medium, and large Indian tribes;

(2) Members of tribes identified as Direct Services, Self-Determination, and Self-Governance tribes; and

(3) Members of tribes with various levels and types of experience in the diverse concerns of transportation development and management (e.g., jurisdictional issues, complexity of transportation systems, climatic concerns, environmental issues, geographic isolation, etc.).

The Secretary proposes to fill primary tribal Committee membership vacancies by naming current tribal Committee alternates where alternates have participated in the Committee negotiations and, where those alternates are not available, naming other qualified individuals to fill vacancies of primary tribal Committee members. Current primary tribal Committee members who were originally selected to serve on the Committee are designated with an asterisk (\*). The Secretary proposes that the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee be comprised of the following primary and alternate tribal Committee members when it reconvenes:

Representatives of Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Individual Indians

#### Great Plains Region

\*Pete Red Tomahawk, Transportation Planner, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, ND  
Sherman Wright, Transportation Planner, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, SD  
Alternate: Gilbert Red Dog, Northern Plains Transportation Advisory Council Member, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota

#### Southwest Region

Edmond Gonzalez, Civil Engineer, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Albuquerque, NM  
Shannon McKenna, Lieutenant Governor, Pueblo of Nambe, Albuquerque, NM  
\*Edward Little, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mescalero, NM

#### Southern Plains Region

\*Chuck Tsoodle, Tribal Roads & Transit Director, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Carnegie, OK  
\*Tim Ramirez, Tribal Roads Director, Prairie Band of Potawatami Nation, Mayetta, KS  
Alternates: Bill Tall Bear, Program Coordinator-Transportation Planner, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Concho, OK  
Ray Ball, Transportation Planner, Kaw Nation, Kaw City, Oklahoma

#### Rocky Mountain Region

\*John Smith, Transportation Planner, Shoshone & Arapaho Tribes, Fort Washakie, WY  
Caleb Shields, Chief of Staff, Ft. Peck Tribe, Poplar, MT  
Alternates: John Healy, Transportation Planner, Fort Belknap Tribes, Harlem, MT  
Cordell Ringel, Engineer, Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, Billings, MT

#### Eastern Region

\*Eddie Tullis, Chairman, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Atmore, AL  
\*Jody Clark, Transportation Manager, Seneca Nation of Indians, Salamanca, NY

#### Alaska Region

\*Loretta Bullard, President, Kawarek, Inc., Nome, AK  
\*Al Ketzler Sr., Fairbanks, AK  
\*Gideon James, Tribal Operations Director, Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government, Venetie, AK  
Alternates: Dugan Nielsen, Director, Land & Resources, Bristol Bay Native Association, Dillingham, AK  
Dan Moreno, Transportation Planner, Sitka Tribe, Juneau, AK

#### Midwest Region

\*Jim Garrigan, Director of Tribal Roads, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Red Lake, MN  
\*Mike Christensen, Tribal Roads Committee, Lac Du Flambeau Chippewa, Lac du Flambeau, WI  
Alternate: Bruce Danforth, Public Works Area Manager, Oneida Nation, Oneida, WI

#### Eastern Oklahoma Region

\*Robert Endicott, Transportation Planner, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, OK  
William McKee Eastern Shawnee of Oklahoma, Miami, OK  
Alternate: Braven Dyer, Transportation Director, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma

#### Navajo Region

\*Sampson Begay, Tribal Council, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ  
Lawrence Morgan, Tribal Council, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, AZ

#### Western Region

\*Robyn Burdette, Chairperson, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Winnemucca, NV  
Rita Martinez, Councilwoman, Tohono O'odham Nation, Sells, AZ  
\*Alex Cabillo Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, AZ

#### Northwest Region

\*Michael Marchand, Colville Business Council, Confederated Tribes of Colville Indians, Nespelem, WA  
\*Dave Whitener, Squaxin Island Tribe, Shelton, WA  
\*Della Cree, Community Development Planner, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID  
Alternates: Andy Kampkoff, Construction Manager, Lummi Indian Business Council, Bellingham, WA  
Mike Clement, Economic Development Manager, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Warm Springs, OR

#### Pacific Region

\*Vlayn McCovey, Yurok Tribe, Eureka, CA  
\*Mervin Hess, Vice Chairman, Bishop Indian Tribe, Bishop, CA  
Alternate: Randolph Feliz, Tribal Vice Chair Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Hopland, CA  
In addition, the Secretary announces the following Federal Committee representatives:  
Robert Baracker, Designated Federal Official, BIA Southwest Regional Office  
LeRoy Gishi, Chief, BIA Division of Transportation  
Justin P. Patterson, Consultant, Department of the Interior (Retired)