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• Clarifies that the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense can reimburse the Indian Health Service for certain health care services provided to Native American veterans.

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• Bill would provide $332 billion for fiscal year 2020 to states and tribal governments affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds would be disbursed based on the population of such states and tribal lands. Funds could be used to cover governmental costs that are
necessary expenditures incurred during a public health emergency, to replace revenue lost as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, or to contribute to the economic recovery of a state or tribe.

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- Bill directs the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations no later than seven days following the bill’s passage for elementary schools, secondary schools, or libraries (including those institutions run by tribes) to purchase Wi-Fi hotspots, other equipment, and connected devices during emergency periods related to the COVID-19 pandemic.


- Bill provides emergency funding for federal data collection on the racial, ethnic, and other demographic disparities of COVID-19. Authorizes a $3 billion appropriation to the Indian Health Service and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.


- Law provides funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing. Provided $11 billion for COVID-19 testing to states, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian health organizations. Law also provides a $750 million appropriation to the Indian Health Service.

**Federal Administrative and Regulatory Actions**

i. **March 26, 2020** – Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Final rule; Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System. [Link to Federal Register Notice].

- The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is finalizing a rule establishing requirements for standards, assessments, and an accountability system for BIE-funded schools. After publishing a proposed rule on June 10, 2019, BIE held six tribal consultation sessions in July and August of 2019. This final rule publishes the responses to the comments from those sessions, including amendments that were made. For further information, please follow the link above or contact: Elizabeth Appel, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, (202) 273-4680; elizabeth.appel@bia.gov.

This final rule is effective on April 27, 2020.
ii. March 26, 2020 — Environmental Protection Agency; Final rule; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills Residual Risk and Technology Review. Link to Federal Register Notice.

• The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a final rule outlining amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). While this action has tribal implications, it will neither impose substantial direct compliance costs on federally recognized tribal governments, nor preempt tribal law. Still, the EPA estimates that one tribe, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, may be potentially subject to the NESHAP due to the three landfills in their possession. Two of the landfills are already controlling emissions—the Salt River Landfill and the Tri Cities Landfill.

Nevertheless, these final changes are not expected to increase the costs. The other landfill, North Center Street Landfill, is not estimated to install controls under the NESHAP. The EPA offered to consult with tribal officials under the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes in the process of developing this regulation to permit them to have meaningful and timely input into its development.

For questions about this final action, please contact: Andrew Sheppard, Natural Resources Group, Sector Policies and Programs Division (E143-03), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; phone number: (919) 541-4161; fax number: (919) 541-0516; or via email: Sheppard.Andrew@epa.gov.

This final rule went into effect on March 26, 2020.

iii. March 27, 2020 — Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Notice of consultations; Agency Plan To Implement the Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System. Link to Federal Register Notice.

• The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) will conduct consultations to obtain oral and written comments on the draft BIE Agency Plan, for establishing requirements for standards, assessments, and an accountability system for BIE-funded schools, as referenced in Notice i. above. BIE will conduct five consultation sessions through telephonic webinar. Three sessions are designated for Tribal representatives or the designee, and two sessions are designated for school boards, parents, teachers, and other public stakeholders. BIE will accept both oral and written comments.

Dates for Tribal sessions are April 27, April 29, and May 1. Dates for public sessions are April 28 and 30. All sessions will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern. Register for the Tribal sessions, here or the public sessions, here. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For further information, please contact: Juanita Mendoza, Special Assistant, Bureau of Indian Education; phone (202) 208-3559 or email at Juanita.Mendoza@bie.edu. Written comments must be received on or before May 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Please send comments to consultation@bia.gov with “DRAFT BIE AGENCY PLAN COMMENTS” in the email subject line.

iv. March 30, 2020 — Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Final rule; Tribal Transportation Program; Inventory of Proposed Roads. Link to Federal Register Notice.

• The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is finalizing a change to a provision in the Tribal
Transportation Program regulations affecting proposed roads that are currently in the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI). Specifically, this final rule deletes the requirement for Tribes to collect and submit certain data in order to keep those proposed roads in the NTTFI. The requirement to collect and submit data to add new proposed roads to the NTTFI remains in place.

In response to comments, the BIA has determined that removal of the requirement for data collection, as proposed, would be the most fair and de-regulatory course of action. BIA also determined that it is appropriate to continue to require the data to change or update inventoried proposed roads because the changes or updates will meet the intent of the original provision in the regulation in managing data increases in the inventory. For further information, please follow the link above or contact: Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Division of Transportation, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, (202) 513-7711, leroy.gishi@bia.gov.

This final rule is effective April 29, 2020.

v. March 30, 2020 – Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Notice; Applications for New Awards: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program-Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 for the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training program, which will provide training in Rehabilitation Counseling. Projects funded under the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training competition must meet rigorous standards in order to provide rehabilitation professionals the knowledge, skills, and qualifications necessary to meet current challenges.

The mission of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) is to improve early childhood, educational, and employment outcomes and raise expectations for all people with disabilities, their families, their communities, and the Nation. Among those eligible to apply are States and public or private nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian Tribes and institutions of higher education.

OSERS has posted additional information about the program here. For further information, please contact: Diandrea Bailey, Ph.D., U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 5065A, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2800. Telephone: (202) 245-6244. E-mail: 84.129B@ed.gov.

The deadline for transmittal of applications is May 14, 2020.

vi. March 31, 2020 – Department of Education; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Notice of proposed rulemaking; Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs; (Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Program). Link to Federal Register Notice.

- The Department of Education (Department) proposes to revise the regulations that govern the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children and Youth Program (Demonstration program). These proposed regulations would update, clarify, and improve the current regulations. The Secretary also proposes a new priority, and accompanying requirements and selection criteria, for applicants proposing to empower Tribes and families to decide which education services will best support their children to succeed in college and careers. After several Tribal consultation sessions in the summer months of 2019, the Department is
proposing these revisions based on comments and concerns brought forward last year. For further information on these amendments, please follow the link above or contact: Bianca Williams, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3W237, Washington, DC 20202-6110. Phone: (202) 453-5671.

You may submit your comments on the proposed rulemaking through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery to Bianca Williams, as listed above.

All comments must be received on or before April 30, 2020.

- In this document, the Commission seeks comment on a proposed framework to provide state and federal agencies with access to outage information to improve their situational awareness while preserving the confidentiality of this data. The document includes proposals to provide direct, read-only access to Network Outage Reporting System (NORS) and Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) filings to qualified agencies of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Tribal nations, territories, and the federal government. Among other things, the Commission seeks comment on their inclusion of Tribal Nation governments in the proposed information sharing framework. For more information on the framework, please follow the link above or contact: Saswat Misra, Attorney-Advisor, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-0944 or via e-mail at Saswat.Misra@fcc.gov or Brenda D. Villanueva, Attorney-Advisor, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-7005 or via e-mail at Brenda.Villanueva@fcc.gov.

Comments may be submitted via the Commission’s website or by commercial mail to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. USPS mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Regardless of physical address, all filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Submit comments on or before April 30, 2020. Those interested will then be able to reply to comments on or before June 1, 2020.

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2020-21 migratory bird hunting season. For more information, please follow the link above or contact: Jerome Ford, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, (202) 208-1050.

Comments may be submitted on the Federal eRulemaking Portal on Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2019-0004 or via mail addressed to Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-HQ-MB-2019-0004, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS: PRB/PERMA (JAO/1N); 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.
Comments must be submitted by May 4, 2020.

ix. April 7, 2020 – Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Notice; correction; National Tribal Broadband Grant; Solicitation of Proposals. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs published a document in the Federal Register of February 10, 2020, that contained an incorrect CFDA Number. This notice corrects the CDFA Number to be 15.032. Previous notes on the BIA document read as follows: The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, is soliciting proposals from Indian Tribes for grant funding to hire consultants to perform feasibility studies for deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously, through digital subscriber line (DSL), cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and broadband over power lines (BPL).

The IEED anticipated awarding approximately 25 to 30 grants under this announcement ranging in value from approximately $40,000 to $50,000. The program can only fund projects one year at a time.

Applicants must submit a completed Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 and the Project Narrative Attachment form in a single email to IEEDBroadbandGrants@bia.gov, Attention: Ms. Jo Ann Metcalf, Certified Grant Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs. These forms can be found at www.grants.gov.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, May 8, 2020.

x. April 7, 2020 – Legal Services Corporation; Notice of funding availability; Notice of Funding Availability and Request for Proposals for Calendar Year 2021 Basic Field Grant Awards. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is a federally established and funded organization that funds civil legal aid organizations across the country and in the U.S. territories. Its mission is to expand access to justice by funding high-quality legal representation for low-income people in civil matters. LSC hereby announces the availability of funding for basic field grants with terms commencing in January 2021. LSC will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) and seeks applications from interested parties who are qualified to provide effective, efficient, and high-quality civil legal services to eligible clients in eligible service area(s). The availability and the exact amount of congressionally appropriated funds, as well as the date, terms, and conditions of funds available for grants for calendar year 2021, have not yet been determined.

LSC provides grants for three types of service areas: Basic Field-General, Basic Field-Native American, and Basic Field-Agricultural Worker. For a complete list of eligible service areas, including a state-by-state breakdown, please follow the link above or use this LSC resource.

The pre-application, request for proposals, and additional information will be available here on or around May 13, 2020.

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) herein describes proposed interpretive rules and general statements of policy that relate to ANA's new funding opportunity announcement (FOA) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, Social and Economic Development Strategies—Growing Organizations (SEDS-GO), (HHS-2020-ACF-ANA-NN-1837).

ANA is required to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes in interpretive rules and general statements of policy and to give notice of the proposed changes no less than 30 days before such changes become effective. If ANA does not receive any significant comments within the 30-day comment period, ANA will proceed with the proposed changes in the respective published FOA. The FOA will serve as the final notice of these proposed changes.

For more information, please follow the link above or contact: Carmelia Strickland, Director, Division of Program Operations, Administration for Native Americans, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201. Phone: (877) 922-9262.

Comments may be submitted to Jean Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201 or via e-mail at ANAComments@acf.hhs.gov.

Comments are due by May 11, 2020.

xii. April 10, 2020 – Department of Education; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Notice; Applications for New Awards; Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Program-Mid-phase Grants. Link to Federal Register Notice.

The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2020 for the EIR program—Mid-phase Grants, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 84.411B (Mid-phase Grants).

Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools are among those eligible through classification as local education agencies (LEAs).

For further information, please follow the link above or contact: Ashley Brizzo, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3E325, Washington, DC 20202-5900, Phone: (202) 453-7122, E-mail: eir@ed.gov. The Department will post additional competition information for prospective applicants on the EIR program website.

The deadline for notice of intent to apply is April 30, 2020, while the deadline for transmittal of applications is June 15, 2020.

xiii. April 13, 2020 – Department of the Treasury; Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Notice; Change To Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for Financial Assistance (FA) Awards or Technical Assistance (TA) Awards Under the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA Program) Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Funding Round. Link to Federal Register Notice.

This publication is notice of a Change of Application deadline and change of deadlines to contact NACA Program staff and AMIS-IT Help Desk staff as it relates to a previous notice from February 21, 2020.

Previous notes read as follows: The Department of the Treasury (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new Financial Assistance (FA) awards and Technical Assistance (TA) grants under the Native American CDFI Assistance fiscal year (FY) 2020
funding round.

The CDFI Fund expects to award approximately $15.5 million in FY 2020. Application materials can be found on the CDFI Fund’s website. Applicants may request a paper version of any Application material by contacting the CDFI Fund Help Desk at cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov.

The new application deadline has been pushed back to 11:59 p.m. Eastern on April 30, 2020. Additionally, the deadline to contact NACA staff has been moved to April 30 at 5 p.m. Eastern.

xiv. April 17, 2020 – Department of Transportation; Federal Aviation Administration; Solicitation of applications; Membership in the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Park Service (NPS) invite interested persons to apply to fill three current and three upcoming vacancies on the National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (NPOAG). This notice invites interested persons to apply to fill the openings. The current openings include two representatives of commercial air tour operators and one representative of Native American tribes. The three upcoming openings represent environmental concerns, including accepted technology for commercial air tour operations over Tribal lands.

NPOAG currently has 10 members who each serve three-year terms. Three of those terms will be coming to an end September 2, 2020. For further information, please contact: Keith Lusk, Special Programs Staff, Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region Headquarters, 777 S. Aviation Boulevard, Suite 150, El Segundo, CA 90245, phone: (424) 405-7017, or e-mail: Keith.Lusk@faa.gov.

Those interested in the membership openings must apply by May 15, 2020.

xv. April 19, 2020 – Department of Health and Human Services; Indian Health Service; Notice; Reimbursement Rates for Calendar Year 2020. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- Notice is given that the Principal Deputy Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), has approved the following rates for inpatient and outpatient medical care provided by IHS facilities for Calendar Year 2020 for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, beneficiaries of other federal programs, and for recoveries under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act.

The Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate (excluding physician/practitioner services) is $3,675 for tribes in the lower 48 states and $3,529 in Alaska. The Outpatient Per Visit Rate (excluding Medicare) is $479 for the lower 48 states and $710 in Alaska, while the Outpatient Per Visit Rate (with Medicare) is $427 and $683, respectively. The Medicare Part B Inpatient Ancillary Per Diem Rate is $838 in the lower 48 and $1,186 in Alaska.

Consistent with previous annual rate revisions, the Calendar Year 2020 rates will be effective for services provided on/or after January 1, 2020, to the extent consistent with payment authorities, including the applicable Medicaid State plan.

xvi. April 21, 2020 – Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers; and Environmental Protection Agency; Final rule: The Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of “Waters of the United States”. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army are publishing a
final rule defining the scope of waters federally regulated under the Clean Water Act. Once effective, it replaces the rule published on October 22, 2019. This final definition increases the predictability and consistency of Clean Water Act programs by clarifying the scope of “waters of the United States” federally regulated under the Act.

For more information, please follow the link above or contact: Michael McDavit, Oceans, Wetlands, and Communities Division, Office of Water (4504-T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; phone: (202) 566-2465; e-mail: CWAwotus@epa.gov; or Jennifer A. Moyer, Regulatory Community of Practice (CECW-CO-R), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314; phone: (202) 761-5903; e-mail: USACE_CWA_Rule@usace.army.mil.

This final rule is effective June 22, 2020.

xvii. April 23, 2020 – Department of Education; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Notice; Extension of the Application Deadline Date; Applications for New Awards; Office of Indian Education (OIE) Formula Grant to Local Educational Agencies. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- This notice extends the deadline date for transmittal of Part II of Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE), as originally documented in the Federal Register February 7, 2020. Previous notes read as follows: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2020 for Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies. This program provides grants to support local educational agencies, Indian Tribes and organizations, and other eligible entities in developing and implementing elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students.

  The Department funds comprehensive programs that are designed to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students and ensure that all students meet challenging State academic standards. There is greater than $100 million in available funds to be distributed to an estimated 1,300 award recipients over a 12-month period.

  This notice extends the deadline date for transmittal of Part II of Electronic Application System for Indian Education (EASIE) applications from May 21, 2020 until June 19, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

xviii. April 23, 2020 – Federal Communications Commission; Final action; requirements and procedures; Auction of Priority Access Licenses for the 3550-3650 MHz Band; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 105. Link to Federal Register Notice.

- This document summarizes the procedures and deadlines for the upcoming auction of Priority Access Licenses for the 3350-3650 MHz Band. The Auction 105 Procedures Public Notice summarized here is intended to familiarize applicants with the procedures and other requirements governing participation in Auction 105 by providing details regarding the procedures, terms, conditions, dates, and deadlines, as well as an overview of the post-auction application and payment processes. This document also summarizes a subsequent announcement of changes to various dates associated with Auction 105 made in light of COVID-19 pandemic.

  This document discusses in detail the Tribal Lands Bidding Credit, among other tribally
related concerns. For more information, follow either links above or contact: the Auctions Hotline at (717) 338-2868 for general questions. For Priority Access License questions, contact Jessica Quinley in the Mobility Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-1991. For auction legal questions, contact Mary Lovejoy in the Auctions Division of the Office of Economics and Analytics at (202) 418-0660. Applications to participate in Auction 105 must be submitted prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on May 7, 2020. Upfront payments for Auction 105 must be received by 6:00 p.m. ET.

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