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United States Department of the Interior

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IN REPLY REFER TO: Regional Director MC-100 DCT 7 2016

Notice of (Non-Gaming) Trust Land Acquisition Application

Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, INDIANS, §§ 151.10 and 151.11, notice is given of the application filed by the Craig Tribal Association to have real property accepted "into trust" for said applicant by the United States of America. The determination whether to acquire this property "in trust" will be made in the exercise of discretionary authority which is vested in the Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of the Interior, or her authorized representative.

To assist us in the exercise of that discretion, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls, and if applicable to your organization, jurisdictional problems and potential conflicts of land use which may arise, we also request that you provide the following information:

- 1. If known, the annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to your organization;
- 2. Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, that are currently assessed against the property in support of your organization;
- 3. Any government services that are currently provided to the property by your organization; and
- 4. If subject to zoning, how the intended use is consistent, or inconsistent, with current zoning.

We provide the following information regarding this application:

Applicant:

Craig Tribal Association, formerly known as Craig Community Association

Legal Land Description/Site Location:

Lot Q-3, subdivision of the unsubdivided remainder of Tract Q, U.S. Survey 2327, according to the plat thereof filed December 7, 1988, as plat No. 88-39, Ketchikan Recording District, State of Alaska, containing 1.08 acres.

This lot is located within the City of Craig, Alaska.

Project Description/Proposed Land Use:

Currently the tribe holds no land in trust and requests Lot Q-3 for self-determination and economic development purposes. This lot currently contains the tribal administration building, which houses tribal offices, a tribal hall, the local head start program, commercial space

presently leased out to the Alaska Court System, and a parking area for employees and guests.

No change in land use is contemplated.

See Maps

Taxes and Zoning:

The subject lot is located within the City of Craig's taxing district, which is within the larger Prince of Wales Island Borough, an unorganized borough.

Lot Q-3 is zoned commercial.

As indicated above, the purpose for seeking your comments regarding the proposed trust land acquisition is to obtain sufficient data that would enable an analysis of the potential impact on local/state government, which may result from the removal of the subject property from the tax roll and local jurisdiction. This notice does not constitute, or replace, a notice that might be issued for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

Your <u>written</u> comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the address at the top of this notice. Any comments received within thirty days of your receipt of this notice will be considered and made a part of our record. You may be granted an extension of time to furnish comments, provided that you submit a written justification requesting such an extension within thirty days of receipt of this letter. An extension of ten to thirty days may be granted. Copies of all comments will be provided to the applicant for a response. You will be notified of the decision to approve or deny the application.

If any party receiving the enclosed notice is aware of additional governmental entities that may be affected by the subject acquisition, please forward a copy of this notice to all known interested governmental entities.

A copy of the application, excluding any documentation exempted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), is available for review at the above address. A request to make an appointment to review the application, or questions regarding the application, may be directed to Cyril J. Andrews, Jr., Regional Realty Officer, at (907) 271-4104.

Sincerely,

Weldon B. Loudermilk

Regional Director

Enclosure: Maps

cc: Craig Tribal Association; Distribution List

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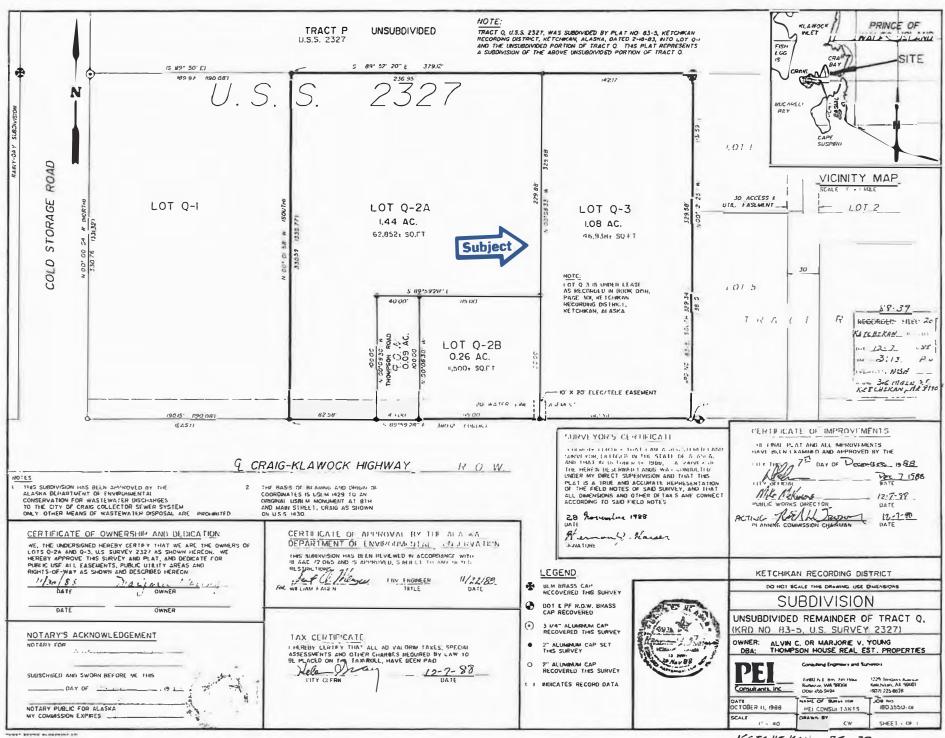
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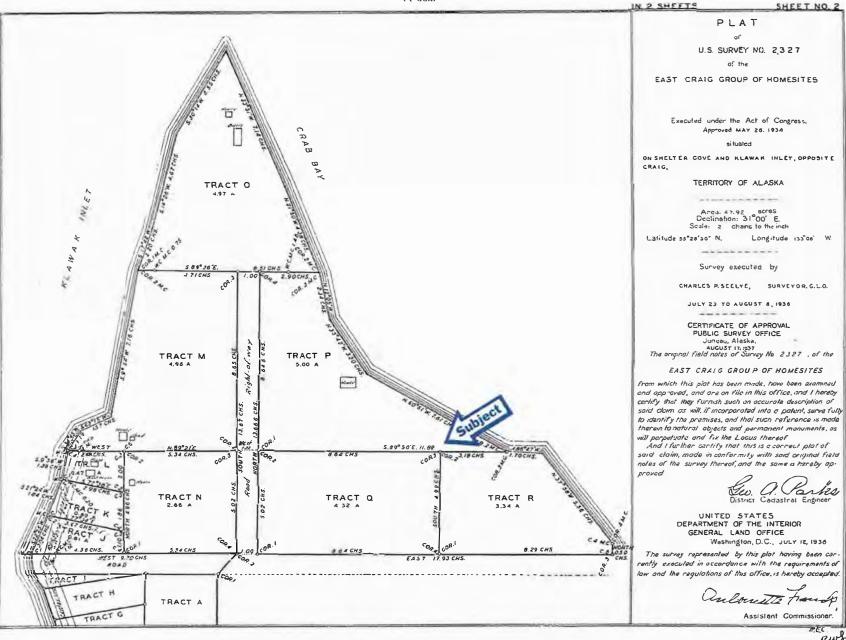
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<u>Ouestions and Answers on Certification of Alaska Native Corporations (ANC)</u> <u>September 2016</u>

Must Unified Certification Program (UCP) recipients that are certifying agencies accept for DBE certification firms owned by an Alaska Native Corporation's (ANC) that have self-certified as a small disadvantaged business (SDB)?

- Yes, self-certification by ANC owned firms that are reviewed and accepted by the Small Business Administration (SBA) complies fully with and meets the statutory mandate of the US Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for ANCs.
- Pursuant 43 U.S.C. 1626(e)(4)(C), DOT regulations require that an ANC meeting all of the following requirements must be certified as a DBE:
 - (i) The Settlement Common Stock of the underlying ANC and other stock of the ANC held by holders of the Settlement Common Stock and by Natives and descendants of Natives represent a majority of both the total equity of the ANC and the total voting power of the corporation for purposes of electing directors;
 - (ii) The shares of stock or other units of common ownership interest in the subsidiary, joint venture, or partnership entity held by the ANC and by holders of its Settlement Common Stock represent a majority of both the total equity of the entity and the total voting power of the entity for the purpose of electing directors, the general partner, or principal officers; and
 - (iii) The subsidiary, joint venture, or partnership entity has been certified by the Small Business Administration under the 8(a) or small disadvantaged business program.

How do UCP recipients that are certifying agencies determine that an ANC firm is certified by the SBA?

- An ANC firm is considered certified by the SBA if the certifying agency finds that the ANC firm meets the requirements of (i) and (ii) above, and the certifying agency finds that it satisfies any one of the following factors:
 - 1. The ANC firm provides documentation that it is a current participant in the SBA's 8(a) Business Development program;
 - 2. The ANC firm provides documentation that it has been certified by SBA as a SDB within three years of the date it self-certifies as an SDB;
 - 3. The ANC firm provides documentation that it has received certification from another Federal procuring agency that it qualifies as an SDB;

- 4. The ANC firm provides documentation that it has submitted an application for SDB certification to a Federal procuring agency and has not received a negative determination regarding that application;
- 5. The certifying agency has received correspondence from the SBA, pursuant to 13 CFR 121.1001(b)(6), that the ANC firm meets the SBA's applicable size standard for participation in the SBA SDB program; or
- 6. The ANC firm provides correspondence from the SBA, pursuant to 13 CFR 121.1001(b)(7), that the ANC firm meets the SBA's applicable size standard for participation in the SBA SDB program.

What should certifying agencies advise potential ANC DBE program applicants who intend to apply for certification based on a SDB self-certification?

- For ANC firms that self-certify under the SBA's SDB program, certifying agencies should advise ANC firms to first obtain a determination from the SBA, pursuant to 13 CFR 121.1001(b)(7), that the firm meets the applicable size standard from the SDB program before applying for DBE certification.
- ANC firms may also request that the certifying agency seek a size determination from the SBA pursuant to 13 CFR 121.1001(b)(6) as part of its DBE application.

How does a certifying agency's request to SBA to review an ANC's SDB self-certification affect the period of time to review the ANC's DBE application?

• Under DOT regulations, a certifying agency must make a determination on the application within 90-days of receiving all information necessary to make a determination. As such, in cases where the ANC firm requests that the certifying agency obtain a size determination from the SBA, the certifying agency's 90-day period of time will not begin until it receives such determination from the SBA.

The Acting General Counsel of the Department of Transportation has reviewed this document and approved it as consistent with the language and intent of 49 CFR part 26.