



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

May 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Section 184 Draft Proposed Regulations – Extension of Tribal Comment Period

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is currently revising the regulations for the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program. On April 4, 2019, HUD sent out a copy of the draft proposed rule to all tribal leaders and directors of tribally designation housing entities (TDHEs) for tribal review and comment. The tribal comment period is from April 4, 2019 - June 4, 2019.

Since that time, HUD has held one in-person tribal consultation and two national teleconferences to provide an opportunity to tribal leaders and others to have a discussion about the draft proposed regulations. During these discussions, HUD received several requests to extend the tribal comment period. In response, HUD is extending this comment period to June 30, 2019.

Additionally, HUD will be holding a second in-person tribal consultation session in Reno, Nevada on June 25th.from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indian's mid- year conference at the Nugget Casino Resort. For additional information on the mid-year conference, please go to www.ncai.org.

Tribes needing more time to review the proposed regulation may submit comments during the public comment period once the proposed rule is published in the *Federal Register*. HUD anticipates the publication of the proposed rule in January 2020, with a 60-day public comment period.

The draft proposed rule is the product of a 16-month period of tribal consultation in which HUD has held 17 tribal consultation sessions. For your convenience, please find a copy of the draft proposed rule enclosed with this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi J. Frechette".

Heidi J. Frechette
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs

Attachment

cc: Tribally Designated Housing Entity