WHY THIS PUBLICATION

Part of the mission of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation is to inform individual Indian landowners so that they can make wise decisions regarding their land ownership and management. While the Foundation does not take a position on whether a landowner should sell or not sell their interests, we do believe understanding the forms that you will receive from the Department of Interior is the first step in your decision making. This publication has been created to assist you in understanding those forms.

THE COBELL SETTLEMENT

The long running Cobell v. Salazar class action lawsuit involving the trust administration of Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts was finally settled in December 2009 after 14 years of litigation. The Cobell Settlement was approved by Congress and the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 was signed by President Obama on December 8, 2010. The Settlement became effective on November 24, 2012, after appeals were exhaustively through the U.S. Supreme Court.

It is important to understand that the Cobell Settlement is a two-sided agreement. For their part, Indian people who either currently have or have had in the past an IIM account, or owned an interest in trust land may share in a payment of $1.5 billion. The Department of the Interior (DOI) for its part of the Settlement received $1.9 billion to be used for two things—$1.5 billion for purchasing undivided trust interests in trust allotments owned by individual Indians and return those interests to the tribe with jurisdiction plus up to $285 million for program implementation (including $60 million for scholarships for Indian students that would be generated as a matching amount from the purchase of the trust interests, and funds to support the work of the Trust Reform Commission for developing recommendations for future changes in trust management.)

LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

As part of the Cobell Settlement, this program is aimed at reducing the level of fractionation in trust allotment land titles. The Program will only purchase undivided trust and restricted fee interests from individual owners who are willing to sell and return those interests to the tribe with jurisdiction over the allotment. The Program has until November, 2022 to purchase $1.5 billion of these interests. As currently designed, the Program will work reservation-by-reservation conducting appraisals and making offers to individual land-interest holders.

YOUR GRANTOR ID NUMBER AND NAME

• The ID number and name must both be correct or you should contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) immediately at 1-888-678-6836.

YOUR DECISION

• If you choose to sell none of your interests, you do not need to do anything further.

• If you choose to sell some, but not all, of your interests listed on the Purchasable Interest Inventory, you will be paid fair market value for the tracts you choose to sell, plus an additional payment of $75 for your time in completing the package.

• If you choose to sell all of the interests listed on the Purchasable Interest Inventory, you will be paid the fair market value shown in this line, plus an additional $75 for your time in completing the package.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO SELL

• The completed package must be postmarked by the date shown here in the letter. If postmarked later, it will not be processed.

Cover Letter and Instructions

Important Documents to Know About:

OFFER PACKET DOCUMENTS

• Cover Letter and Instructions
• Deed
• Exhibit A: Purchasable Interests Inventory
• Tract Maps

POST PURCHASE DOCUMENTS

• Acknowledgement Notice

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

• Landowner Income Report
• Exhibit B: Approval of Conveyance
• Conveyed Interests Report

United States Department of the Interior
Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
02/22/2014

Dear JOHN DOE:

We are pleased to include you in the Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy Back Program) created by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, which authorized the Class Action Settlement Agreement often referred to as the Cobell Settlement.

The intent of the Buy Back Program is to purchase highly fractionated tracts of Indian land, and consolidate ownership on behalf of tribes to allow for better utilization of the land by local tribal communities. Interests purchased under the Buy Back Program will be transferred to the tribe in trust, to promote use of the land for tribal and individual social, economic and cultural purposes.

This package is an offer by the Department of the Interior to purchase your ownership interests in certain fractional trust or restricted Indian lands. The Purchase Offer includes fractional ownership interests with their corresponding fair market value. You may choose to sell some, all, or none of your interests included in this Purchase Offer. You will no longer receive any lease revenues or other benefits derived from those interests you sell.

A payment for any ownership interest(s) you choose to sell will be deposited into your IIM account after the Deed is approved. This payment is considered tax exempt. In addition, for a 1-year period beginning on the date you receive payment, the payment will not impact any federal benefits you are receiving or are eligible to receive. If you receive non-federal benefits, contact the office which provided those benefits to determine if your benefits could be impacted by the payment.

The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 also authorizes contributions up to $60 million to provide educational scholarships to Native Americans. This means that in addition to any payment you receive under the Buy Back Program, a contribution will be made to the Indian Education Scholarship Fund (Cobell Scholarship Fund) up to $60 million. This contribution will not impact the amount of money you receive in payment for your interests.

If you are not interested in selling your ownership interests included in this Purchase Offer, please disregard this letter and enclosures. Remember, if you are interested, this Purchase Offer is only active for 45 calendar days from the date of this letter. The return postmark must be dated no later than 04/07/2014. You may not receive another offer for purchase of your interests under the Buy Back Program due to limited funding.

LANDOWNER INCOME REPORT (not pictured)

• This report will show your income (excluding oil and gas royalties) on leased tracts in which you own interest.
• You may request this report from the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) at 1-888-678-6836.
How to Complete the Buy Back Deed

YOUR NAME, ID NUMBER, AND NAME ON SIGNATURE LINE
• Check all three items to be sure each is accurate.
• The names should be your full legal name.
• If the typed information is incorrect, contact TBCC at 1-888-678-6836 for instructions.

NOTARIES AVAILABLE
• Notaries are available at no cost at OST offices.

DO NOT SIGN THE DEED UNTIL YOU ARE WITH THE NOTARY PUBLIC
When the notary asks you to, sign your name exactly as it appears on the deed.

BRING YOUR ID AND THE DEED TO A NOTARY PUBLIC
• Remember to bring your ID.
• The Notary Public will complete the remainder of this form after they see you sign it.

DO NOT SEND COPIES
• You must return the original signed and notarized deed for the sale to be processed.
• You may make a copy of the deed for your records if you wish.

BE AWARE
• If you’re not the person named on the deed, you cannot sign the deed.

Exhibit A: Purchasable Interests Inventory

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Sell All Tracts Listed Below - Total of All Owner Interests Value: $6,937.57

CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO SELL
• Only fill in the bubble(s) for the tract(s) which you want to sell.
• Use only blue or black ink.
• Mark this bubble only if you want to sell all interests listed below.

CORRESPONDING TRACTS
• These item numbers and tract ID numbers correspond on the two forms.

SEND ALL PAGES
• You must return the original pages of both parts of the Inventory for the sale to be processed.
• Keep a copy for your records.

ACREAGE
• This column indicates the total acreage of the tract or allotment that you have an interest in.
### Acknowledgement Notice

**POST PURCHASE DOCUMENT**

Thank you for your participation in the Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations. The receipt of your interests through the Land Buy Back Program will not enable you to vote or participate in the operation of the Tribe or any community or tribal entity. The Land Buy Back Program will not establish any obligations or responsibilities owed to you.

This notice acknowledges your sale compensation in your sale of your allotted lands to the Tribe. The money earned from the settlement will be distributed as a non-negotiable cash settlement. The amount earned is the total sum of the interests you chose to sell.

- **CONFIRMATION OF YOUR SALE OF INTERESTS**
  - If all forms are returned on time and have been completed correctly, the sale will be processed within 60 days of receipt, and you will receive an Acknowledgement Letter confirming the sale.
  - Keep this letter for your records.

- **TOTAL OF SALE**
  - This is the total sum paid for the interests you chose to sell plus $75.

- **FAIR MARKET VALUE**
  - This column shows the fair market value for your ownership interest as determined through an appraisal.
  - This is the value that you are being offered for selling this interest and it is non-negotiable.
  - To determine the value of the entire allotment, divide the interest value by the ownership interest. (Example: $59.49 divided by $0.00381944 equals approx. $250,000).

- **INTERESTS HELD AND OFFERED TO PURCHASE**
  - This column shows the contribution that will be made from the Settlement Scholarship Fund.

- **APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TRANSFER**
  - You may request and review your Approval of Conveyance and Conveyed Interest Report—this is your receipt.
  - This amount should be the total sum of the interests you chose to sell.

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### Conveyed Interests Report

**AVAILABLE FROM BIA REALTY OFFICE UPON REQUEST**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**

**INFORMING INDIAN LANDOWNERS ON THE LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM**

**DATE: 02/26/2014**

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#### PORTION OF INTEREST YOU OWN

- This column shows the share of the tract that you hold, converted to a decimal.
- If you would like to understand that in terms of acreage, you can multiply the total acres in the tract by the ownership interest. (Example: 320 acres x 0.0003819 equals approx. 0.12 acres).
- Keep in mind that your interest is not divided from all others in the same tract so the land is not physically divided into small pieces. You hold a share of the tract; you do not own specific acres in it.
Look inside for helpful information on the Land Buy-Back Program offer packets...

Summary of Highlights

• The offer to sell your ownership interests is strictly voluntary—you decide if you want to sell.
• All completed and notarized original forms need to be returned/postmarked within the 45-day deadline in order for the sale to be processed.
• Fill out the Deed, but don’t sign it until you’re in front of the Notary Public. Be sure to sign your name exactly as it is typed on the deed.
• Return the original signed and notarized deed, and all original pages of both parts of Exhibit A: Purchase Interests Inventory, in the self-addressed postage prepaid envelope provided in your offer package.
• Once your complete forms are received, it may take up to 60 days to complete the sale, after which you will receive an Acknowledgment Notice.
• You may request your Conveyed Interests Report. Review carefully for details about the land title interests that you sold—this is your receipt.

Resources

LAND BUYBACK PROGRAM

Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations
www.doi.gov/buybackprogram

Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC)
1-888-678-6836
Hours of Operation: M-F 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat. 8:00 am - Noon, Mountain Time

Fiduciary Trust Officer at your agency can be found at:
www.doi.gov/ost/fto/ftoRegions.cfm#1

COBELL SETTLEMENT INFORMATION

Indian Trust Settlement
P.O. Box 9577,
Dublin, OH 43017-4877
1-800-961-6109
www.cobellsettlement.com
www.indiantrust.com
info@IndianTrust.com

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

Make sure your IIM account information is up to date. Call the TBCC (1-888-678-6836) or visit the OST website (www.doi.gov/ost) if your name or address has changed. Tell your friends and relatives to do the same.

OTHER RELATED RESOURCES

Indian Land Consolidation Act
(Cornell Law Website)
www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/25/chapter-24

AIPRA
(Tribal Court Clearinghouse website)
www.tribal-institute.org/lists/understanding.htm

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is a national, community-based organization focused on American Indian land recovery and management. ILTF’s primary aim is to ensure that all reservation and important off-reservation lands are owned and managed by Indian people and Indian nations.

As a community foundation, ILTF relies on funding from private foundations and donations from Indian nations, corporations and individuals to support its programming in Indian Country. Please consider making a donation to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation today.

To learn more about our work and programs and to make a donation, visit our website at: www.iltf.org.

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