



ANNOUNCEMENT 2009
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM
SPRING / SUMMER
For
AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES
2009

The Tentative Date for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Water Resources Technician Training Program is June 1 to 26, 2009 (4 weeks) at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Applications are now being accepted. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS April 3, 2009.** PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO: Mr. Mo Baloch, BIA, Br. of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications, please contact Mo Baloch (202)208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202)208-3956 or 208-4004.

Candidates must meet the following requirements to be considered for the training program:

1. Endorsement letter from her/his federally-recognized tribal government, preferably the Chairman, Governor, or Head of Nations;
2. High School Diploma or GED;
3. Have plans for future higher education or career development;
4. A brief, one-page statement on reasons for wanting to join the program;
5. Provide general information using the old Standard Form 171 (A copy is Attached to this Announcement) or is available at BIA's Branch of Water Resources, Washington, D.C., (202) 208-4004. This old SF-171 will be used for general information only, and is **NOT** an offer, intent, or consideration for Federal employment;
6. Provide a **copy** of Certification of Membership in a federally-recognized tribe, signed by a tribal government official. **(Do Not send an original certificate);**
7. Submit your application for the training program on or before **April 3, 2009;**
8. A signed pledge (A form is Attached to this Announcement) stating that the participant will remain alcohol and substance free during the program. A violation of the pledge will result in immediate dismissal from the program;
9. The students are expected to complete all classroom and homework assignments in a professional manner. Daily attendance and active classroom participation are required to graduate.

Government employees (Federal, State, or Tribal), if selected, will not receive the voucher from the BIA, since they already have a job.

All selected students will be staying in the dormitory. Commuting to and from the training center is not allowed. Sorry, but no room and board is available at the training center for family members, friends, or pets.

Applicant checklist is attached.