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Regulations implementing the provisions of Public Law 95-471, the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978, are being published in the Federal Register, Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary Rick Lavis said today.

The regulations prescribe procedures for providing financial and technical assistance to Indian community colleges and, in a separate part, to the Navajo Community College.

The regulations state that it is the policy of the Department of the interior "to support and encourage the establishment, operation and improvement of tribally controlled community colleges to ensure continued and expanded educational opportunities for Indian students, and to assist the Indian tribes in implementing social and economic development efforts leading to the fulfillment of tribal goals and objectives."

Numerous comments on proposed rules published in the Federal Register May 22 were received. A summary of recommendations adopted in the final regulations, and those not adopted, is part of the Federal Register notice

The regulations will be effective 30 days after publication. For further information contact Rick Lavis, Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240 (202 343-7163)

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