

INDIAN AFFAIRS MANUAL

Part 3

Delegations of Authority

Chapter 11

Delegation to the Director, Land Buy-Back Acquisition Center

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- 1.1 Purpose.** This chapter provides for the delegation of the authorities of the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as provided in 230 DM 1, through the Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services (OTS) as provided in 3 1AM 6, to the Director, Land Buy-Back Acquisition Center (AC) in order to fulfill the responsibilities of the Land Buy-Back AC as they relate to the functions of the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP).
- 1.2 Scope.** This chapter applies to the Director, AC in all circumstances where the AC is overseeing functions related to the LBBP, and to land title acquisitions that are Tribally funded and implemented in conjunction with a LBBP offer set (“LBBP transactions”).
- 1.3 Program Authorities.** The Director, AC is delegated the general program and administrative authorities specifically related to LBBP transactions, subject to the limitations contained in section 1.5.
- 1.4 Redelelegation of Program Authorities.** Except where redelegation is prohibited by statute, Executive Order, or limitations established by other competent authority, including the limitations in this chapter, the general program and administrative authorities related to the functions and responsibilities of the Director, AC may be further delegated. In the instances of an absence, the Director, AC may redelegate his/her program and supervisory authorities to an appropriate supervisor/manager.
- 1.5 Limitations on Program Authorities.** The authority of the Director, AC is limited to overseeing the acceptance, review, and approval of LBBP returned offer packages, with specifically identified staff operating as would the OTS Division of Realty to carry out this activity. Further, the authority of the Director, AC is limited to overseeing recordation of the title documents for LBBP transactions transferring fractionated land interests from an individual to the appropriate Tribe with jurisdiction, with specifically identified staff operating as would the Land Title and Records Office (LTRO) to carry out this activity.
- 1.6 Definitions.**

LBBP is the Department of the Interior program that implements the land consolidation component of *Cobell v. Salazar*, No. 96-CV-1285-JR, as confirmed by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-291, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value on behalf of the Tribe with jurisdiction.

Approval



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