

Hi Heidi,

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Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this email.

Best,

Josh



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January 10, 2022

**To: Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes – Deputy Solicitor, Indian Affairs;
Natalie Landreth – Deputy Solicitor, Land Resources; and
Heidi Todacheene – Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary**

From: Joshua Berg – Attorney Advisor, Division of Indian Affairs

Re: (b)(5)

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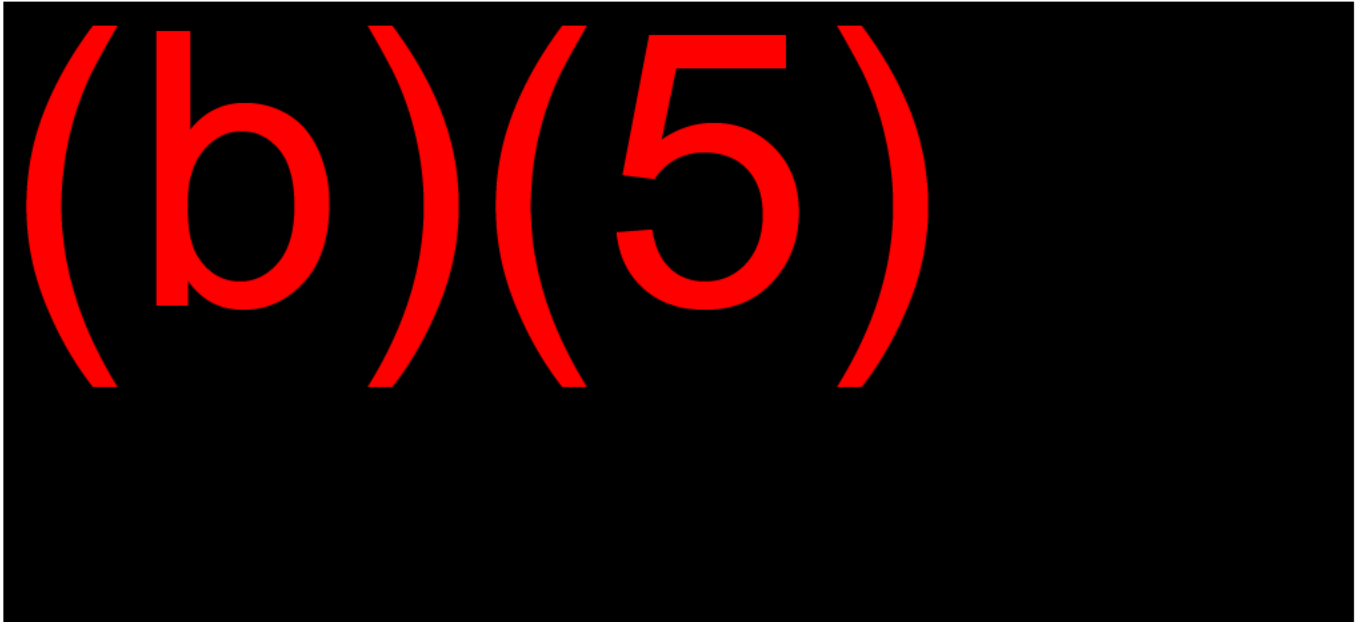
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Bullet Points for Conversation Tomorrow with BIE and Office of the Secretary:

Generally



- LINK TO FEDERAL REGISTRATION FORM - https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/Federal_Voter_Registration_ENG_0.pdf

Funding



Legal Issues by State – if we distribute voter registration materials without paying for postage with students and do NOT collect registration forms

- New Mexico – NONE
- Arizona – NONE
- South Dakota – NONE
- Montana – NONE
- Kansas - House Bill 2183 –



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Legal Issues by State – in those states which we establish full blown voter registration sites

- **New Mexico (SIPI) – (b)(5)**
- **Kansas (Haskell) - Kansas - House Bill 2183 – (b)(5)**

Legal Issues by State – in those states which we decide to allow BIE schools act as a repository for applications and then submit on behalf of parents (following rules for voter registration agencies as a precaution).

- **Arizona – (b)(5)**
- **Montana –**

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- **South Dakota –**

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Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:17:34 PM

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Clint J. Bowers, BIE Chief of Staff

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Top five actions or activities:

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I. Linking to vote.gov or state online registration systems:

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II. Providing information online:

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III. Providing information offline, in activities/services that directly engage the public:

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IV. Assisting the public with voter registration, mail ballots, or other aspects of voting:

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V. Preparing to be designated under the NAVRA:

N/A

VI. Identity documents:

N/A

VII. Workforce:

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VIII. Other:

N/A

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Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:40:06 AM

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Sure – I have a 10 am, but I am otherwise open. When works for you?

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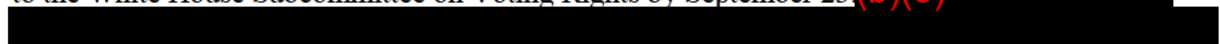
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Subject: Re: BIE Funding Question
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 1:28:25 PM

Thanks Brian. For the time being I do not think we need to provide a written response to leadership. They informed me that they are pursuing other funding options, but I am not sure what they are at the moment.

Heidi Todacheene from the Secretary's Office is trying to set up a meeting with Program Budget Examiner. If and when a meeting time/date is set up I will let you all know.

Best,
Josh

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Thanks, Brian. That's my gut response too.

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Subject: Re: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021 5:26:56 PM

Thanks! How's 11?

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Sure – I have a 10 am, but I am otherwise open. When works for you?

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Hi Brian,

Do you have time to discuss this with me tomorrow? (b)(5)

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Jenny, will defer to you on this one. If I'm understanding things correctly, DGL will be handling the remainder of the request.

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Please find the BIE portion of the report attached above. (b)(5)

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+ Scott

Heidi, can you please share the attachment?

Scott, can you review (b)(5) Thanks.

Ruchi Jain

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Hello,

Thank you for taking a look at this question. I realize that we're on a tight deadline since we're now being asked to finalize our edits by **Monday, September 20 at 10:00 AM EST** to move the final Plan through DTS for appropriate Department approval prior to submitting it to the White House.

Due to this timeline, general language is completely fine as a placeholder. The Secretary's Office and White House are strict with their requested timelines so there is no expectation on our end to have an exhaustive analysis included at this point. Any general direction would be helpful. I will be working on edits over the weekend so if there are questions, don't hesitate to contact me and apologies for the tight turnaround. This Plan has morphed into a larger production than we initially expected.

Thank you,

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+Ruchi

Heidi,

I'm looping in Ruchi here because we will need DGL support on these questions. I don't know that we will be able to get an exhaustive analysis done by the Sept. 23 deadline but perhaps more general language would work for purposes of getting the plan back to the WH?

Ruchi – can we lean on your team for some help with this one?

Thanks!

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Subject: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights

Hello,

I wanted to follow up after our call yesterday regarding the DOI Interim Strategic Plan on Voting Rights that I'm working on with BIE, NPS, the Secretary's Office, and Lands and Minerals to submit to the White House Subcommittee on Voting Rights by September 23. (b)(5)

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Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Meeting Re: OPM and BIE Funding Voting Rights
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:51:40 AM

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Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Meeting Re: OPM and BIE Funding Voting Rights
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 8:56:26 AM

As long as it's not in the next 30 min, I'm good!

On: 22 March 2022 08:46,
"Quint, Brian A" <brian.quint@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Great! I have no conflicts today for whenever it is scheduled

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Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:52:31 AM

I'm trying to get you guys on the invite, Tony Irish has gone MIA. This is worst case. Thanks and I'm sorry for dragging you in.

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Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: BIE Funding Question
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:08:48 PM

Hi Jenny,

I am currently working on a voter registration project in conjunction with BIE. In short, BIE is trying to implement a program where they will pay for postage that will be used to mail completed voter registration applications completed by the parents and/or guardians of BIE school children.

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From: [Berg, Joshua B](#)
To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
Subject: BIE Meeting this Afternoon @ 4:30pm EST
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:49:39 PM

Hi Sam and Jenny,

Heidi Todacheene has tentatively scheduled a meeting for 4:30PM EST with Director Dearman regarding funding for postage on voter registration applications. I think a meeting invite will be sent out shortly, but I wanted to make sure that you were both aware. Let me know if you do not receive the Teams invite and I will forward it along.

Josh

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: BIE Voting Rights Project
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:39:10 PM

Hi Sam,

Just want to provide a brief update regarding the voting rights project. Upon second thought I will hold off from working any further until I hear back from Jenny. At this point I believe that I have done enough research to provide Heidi and Director Dearman with the answers to the questions they presented during our last meeting. (b)(5)

That being said, I think my time for now is better spent on Snoqualmie.

If I get any additional research questions from the Secretary's Office or BIE regarding the voting rights issue and/or plan I will let you know.

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: (b)(5)
Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 10:04:07 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT Phone Script for Department of the Interior.docx](#)

Hi Sam,

I figure we can discuss this at greater length tomorrow during our check in call, but I wanted to give you the heads up and an opportunity to take a look beforehand. I also wanted to make sure you had a chance to take a look at my written work before it went up the chain.

AMBD, Natalie Landreth and Heidi Todacheene from the Secretary's office (b)(5)

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Looking forward to speaking with you tomorrow.

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Date: Monday, February 2, 2020 12:45:19 PM

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To: [Werwa, Eric](#)
Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Ervin, Femila N](#); [Todacheene, Heidi J](#)
Subject: Funding Question Re: Voter Registration at BIE Schools
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 4:09:23 PM

Hello Eric,

Heidi Todacheene recommended that I reach out to you regarding a few questions we have about funding for a voter registration initiative. Heidi and I have been working together on the Department's initiative to promote access to voting pursuant to [Executive Order 14019](#). We have developed a plan to distribute voter registration applications at Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools so that school children can bring home voter registration applications to their parents and/or guardians. In addition to providing school children with voter registration applications we have also considered providing return envelopes with pre-paid postage so that parents and/or guardians can mail in their completed voter registration applications directly to the corresponding elections office in their state.

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[Redacted]. If your schedule allows I think it would be best to try to schedule a call in the next week or so to discuss further.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Fw: BIE Funding Question
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 1:53:03 PM

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Subject: RE: BIE Funding Question

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Subject: Fw: BIE Funding Question

Hi Brian,

I'd be interested in your thoughts on this one. Department leadership is proposing having BIE send home voter registration cards with students to give to their parents. (b)(5)

Jenny

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Subject: Fw: LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL: (DUE 2/18/22 @ 2 PM) MISC #101 - Executive Office of the President Report on Native American Voting Rights
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:14:28 AM
Attachments: [DRAFT tribal voting report 20220213 clean.docx](#)

Good morning,

Any comments to the attached legislative referral?

Thanks,

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DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022 @ 2 PM

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Date: February 16, 2022
To: Legislative Liaison
From: Gigi Modrich (208-3427)
Contact: Joe Nevils (208-4580)

Subject: MISC #101 - Executive Office of the President Report on Native American Voting Rights

Note to Reviewers:

Attached for your review is a draft report on Native American voting rights and the barriers Native Americans face in achieving full access to participate in U.S. elections. The report was drafted by the Native American Voting Rights Steering Group, pursuant to Executive Order 14019. The Steering Group is chaired by the Domestic Policy Council and includes representatives from DOJ, DOI, USDA, DOL, HHS, and VA. The report includes recommendations on protecting and improving access to voting in Native communities.

Please review the draft report and provide any edits or comments by the deadline above.

Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to Gigi Modrich (Jennifer.Modrich@ios.doi.gov) and Joe Nevils (Joseph.Nevils@ios.doi.gov) by the deadline above.

Attachment(s): 1

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: FW: Meeting Request - BIE Voting Rights Report
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 12:16:56 PM

Sam – any of those times work for me as well, including the Wednesday slot. I’m happy to do the call, but do you know if this is a time-sensitive issue? (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Meeting Request - BIE Voting Rights Report

Kara,

Any of those times work for me. But I am adding Connie Briggs who has the lead on this for DIA. Connie’s availability may be limited to Monday.

Thanks,

Eric

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Subject: Meeting Request - BIE Voting Rights Report

Hello

Ms Heidi Todacheene asked me to reach out and schedule a meeting with you - Anne Marie, Eric, Natalie, regarding the BIE Voting Rights Report: SOL Follow-up.

Meeting to discuss:

■ (b)(5)
■ [Redacted]

Heidi would like to have the meeting next week. I found a few times of availability on her calendar.

Date Time

Monday Oct 4 10-10:30am

2-2:30pm

4-4:30pm

Wednesday Oct 6 11-11:30am

Let me know if any of these times work for you.

Thank you

Kara

Kara John

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From: [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
To: [Quint, Brian A](#)
Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Fw: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021 5:20:37 PM
Attachments: [BIE_Voting_EO_Interim_Strategic_Plan.docx](#)

Hi Brian,

Do you have time to discuss this with me tomorrow? (b)(5)

Jenny

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Subject: Re: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights

Jenny, will defer to you on this one. If I'm understanding things correctly, DGL will be handling the remainder of the request.

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Subject: RE: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights

Please find the BIE portion of the report attached above, but note that the text referencing the registration drives at BIE Postsecondary Colleges and the Tribally Controlled Colleges is not currently included as part of this draft. Prior to including this text, I wanted to check in to see if there were legal issues

that would prevent us from including it.

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Subject: RE: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights
+ Scott

Heidi, can you please share the attachment?

Scott, can you review (b)(5) ? Thanks.

Ruchi Jain

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Subject: RE: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights

Hello,

Thank you for taking a look at this question. I realize that we're on a tight deadline since we're now being asked to finalize our edits by **Monday, September 20 at 10:00 AM EST** to move the final Plan through DTS for appropriate Department approval prior to submitting it to the White House.

Due to this timeline, general language is completely fine as a placeholder. The Secretary's Office and White House are strict with their requested timelines so there is no expectation on our end to have an exhaustive analysis included at this point. Any general direction would be helpful. I will be working on edits over the weekend so if there are questions, don't hesitate to contact me and apologies for the tight turnaround. This Plan has morphed into a larger production than we initially expected.

Thank you,

Heidi Todacheene

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Subject: RE: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights

+Ruchi

Heidi,

I'm looping in Ruchi here because we will need DGL support on these questions. I don't know that we will be able to get an exhaustive analysis done by the Sept. 23 deadline but perhaps more general language would work for purposes of getting the plan back to the WH?

Ruchi – can we lean on your team for some help with this one?

Thanks!
AM

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Subject: SOL Review: DOI Interim Strategic Plan Voting Rights

Hello,

I wanted to follow up after our call yesterday regarding the DOI Interim Strategic Plan on Voting Rights that I'm working on with BIE, NPS, the Secretary's Office, and Lands and Minerals to submit to the White House Subcommittee on Voting Rights by September 23. (b)(5)

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- [Redacted]

Thank you,
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To: [Berg, Joshua B](#)
Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Meeting on Voting Rights Report
Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021 11:59:23 AM
Attachments: [December 2021 - DOJ Voter Reg State List Review.docx](#)

Josh,

Natalie, Heidi and I are going to meet next week (b)(5)

. I'd like to add you to that meeting. We are aiming for Thursday. I've attached the work that DOJ has done for us to help get us started. We may start with a few states as a pilot project and then expand out to other states. We can discuss next week.

Thanks!

AM

From: [Berg, Joshua B](#)
To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Irish, Tony C](#)
Subject: NVRA Implementation Deadline at Haskell and SIPI
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:07:09 PM

Hi Sam and Tony,

I spoke with Heidi Todacheene earlier today regarding the implementation of the voting rights initiative at Haskell and SIPI. Heidi explained that the funding will be needed by May 14, 2022. The Secretary plans on giving the commencement address at Haskell this spring and the Department now wants to loop in the Vice President's Office and potentially have the Vice President make an appearance and an announcement regarding voting rights.

Heidi has also requested that an internal memo be completed which outlines the authorities we are operating under in order to implement the voting rights initiative at Haskell and SIPI. I have started drafting the memo but have not yet started the portion on funding. It was my impression that Heidi would like this memo by the end of next week, but I told her it may take longer to sort out the appropriations/funding component of the memo.

Happy to discuss further tomorrow.

Best,
Josh

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
Subject: Question from AM - voting
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:54:31 AM

Thoughts?

[10:53 AM] Bledsoe Downes, Ann M

Is there a BIE team member who could help with the voting project. I know the bulk of questions are DGL but Scott gave a good framework. There will be Indian law questions and if we can at least narrow or frame the questions if it is for DGL that would help too. Heidi just needs support it seems like. I'd like to respond and commit DIA but want to be sure folks are okay with that approach. I don't want Heidi caught in the middle.

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To: [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Question Regarding Status of TCUs
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 6:53:14 PM

Hi Jenny,

Just following up on the question asked at the meeting earlier today.

In New Mexico state law provides:

A. Registration agents who either register or assist persons to register to vote on behalf of an organization that is not a state or federal agency shall register with the secretary of state, and the organization shall register and provide the secretary of state with:

(1) the names of the officers of the organization and the name and permanent address of the organization;

(2) the names, permanent addresses, temporary addresses, if any, and dates of birth of each person registering persons to vote in the state on behalf of the organization; and

(3) a sworn statement from each registration agent employed by or volunteering for the organization stating that the agent will obey all state laws and rules regarding the registration of voters on a form that gives notice of the criminal penalties for false registration.

N.M. Stat. Ann. § 1-4-49 (West)

(b)(5) [Redacted]

Let me know if you think this analysis is sound. (b)(5) [Redacted]

Thanks for your help.

Josh

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Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Re: BIE Funding Question
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:10:49 PM

Hi Jenny,

Thanks for your reply. (b)(5)

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I have wide availability tomorrow if you would like to discuss further. This project has been constantly evolving and I imagine that it will continue to do so. That being said, (b)(5)

they would be willing change their plans accordingly.

Thanks for your help.

Josh

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To: [Berg, Joshua B](#)
Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Re: BIE Funding Question
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:16:20 PM

Hi Josh,

I think the question is what source of federal funds, if any, is available for this purpose. (b)(5)

[REDACTED]

. I'm happy to discuss and brainstorm further with you if it would be helpful.

(b)(5)

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Cc: Ennis, Samuel E <samuel.ennis@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: BIE Funding Question

Hi Jenny,

I am currently working on a voter registration project in conjunction with BIE. (b)(5)

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There is no strict deadline on this question, but I think it would be most useful to have an answer for the Secretary's Office and Director Dearman by the middle of next week.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
To: [Berg, Joshua B](#); [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Re: BIE Meeting this Afternoon @ 4:30pm EST
Date: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:55:55 PM

Thanks, Josh. BIE pinged me. I'm planning to participate.

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Subject: BIE Meeting this Afternoon @ 4:30pm EST
Hi Sam and Jenny,

Heidi Todacheene has tentatively scheduled a meeting for 4:30PM EST with Director Dearman regarding funding for postage on voter registration applications. I think a meeting invite will be sent out shortly, but I wanted to make sure that you were both aware. Let me know if you do not receive the Teams invite and I will forward it along.

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Cc: [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
Subject: Re: (b)(5)
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 5:02:42 PM
Attachments: [20220112 NVRA Phone Script for Department of the Interior.doc.docx](#)

Hi Sam and Jenny,

The file is located here: T:\DIA File Plan\9._Education

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Sounds good. I will wait to hear from Jenny.

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FYI, this looked good to go on my end, but Jenny is taking a look and has a few edits. She's going to circulate by COB, though there may be some placeholders for subsequent discussion. As to who'll be taking the phone for the calls themselves, Eric agreed it seemed odd for SOL to do it, so we can reevaluate the situation if and when they actually started making the calls. Sit tight on edits from Jenny.

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Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:07:51 AM

Not sure yet if we do - but I'd like to define BIE schools for purposes of this memo. I'll see if I can find anything compelling one way or another.

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I don't know (this is very much another Do Something) project. If that's a distinction we need to flag, let's flag it.

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: RE: External DOI-DOJ Voting Rights in Indian Country
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:32:08 PM

Yes, I will add now.

-----Original Appointment-----

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When: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:00 PM-12:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where:

Heidi - I will be out of the office and traveling all day on Thursday. Could you add Connie Briggs from DIA in my place?

From: [Landreth, Natalie A](#)
To: [Bowers, Clint J](#); [Todacheene, Heidi J](#); [Shepard, Eric N](#); [Bledsoe Downes, Ann M](#); [Briggs, Connie K](#); [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Cc: [Caminiti, Mariagrazia](#); [Dearman, Tony L](#); [Mendoza, Juanita M](#); [Lovato, Ventura](#)
Subject: RE: Internal: BIE Voting Rights Report
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 9:18:40 AM
Attachments: [Best Practices for Federal Agency Voter Registration_Final \(002\).pdf](#)

(b)(6)

I am attaching a paper on this topic prepared by Demos/ACLU and there is also a link to a powerpoint here: <https://www.demos.org/campaign/how-and-why-federal-agencies-can-register-voters>

I understand Demos and Yvette at NCAI are also working on a Native-specific approach but it is not quite ready for prime time so I don't have that yet.

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Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:28:05 AM

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Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:00:36 PM
Attachments: [DRAFT tribal voting report 20220213 JBB edits.docx](#)

Hi Sam,

Please find my edits to the Native American Voting Rights Report attached. Most of my edits were formatting edits. If you have any questions or need any additional assistance with this report, let me know.

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Cc: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting on Voting Rights Report
Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021 2:28:58 PM

Hi Ann Marie,

Next Thursday will work for me - I am looking forward to it. Thank you for forwarding the document from DOJ. If there is anything I can do in the meantime, please let me know.

I hope you have an enjoyable holiday.

Best,
Josh Berg

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Josh,

Natalie, Heidi and I are going to meet next week (b)(5)

. I'd like to add you to that meeting. We are aiming for Thursday. I've attached the work that DOJ has done for us to help get us started. We may start with a few states as a pilot project and then expand out to other states. We can discuss next week.

Thanks!

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From: [Briggs, Connie K](#)
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Subject: RE: Meeting Request - BIE Voting Rights Report
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 12:44:46 PM

Hi Kara,

Any of those times work for me as well. But just a heads up (b)(6)

Thanks!

-Connie

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Ms Heidi Todacheene asked me to reach out and schedule a meeting with you - Anne Marie, Eric, Natalie, regarding the BIE Voting Rights Report: SOL Follow-up.

Meeting to discuss:

■ (b)(5)
■ [REDACTED]

Heidi would like to have the meeting next week. I found a few times of availability on her calendar.

Date Time

Monday Oct 4 10-10:30am

2-2:30pm

4-4:30pm

Wednesday Oct 6 11-11:30am

Let me know if any of these times work for you.

Thank you

Kara

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From: [Berg, Joshua B](#)
To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: Re: NVRA Implementation Deadline at Haskell and SIPI
Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:28:19 PM

Hi Sam,

When the draft is complete I will send it your way, and to Jenny and Brian, for review. (b)(5)

Once we hear from General Law I should be able to finish the memo.

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Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 6:26 AM
To: Berg, Joshua B <joshua.berg@sol.doi.gov>; Irish, Tony C <Tony.Irish@sol.doi.gov>
Cc: Wiginton, Jennifer S <jennifer.wiginton@sol.doi.gov>; Quint, Brian A <brian.quint@sol.doi.gov>
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Thanks, Josh. Looping in Jenny and Brian - will you pass along the draft to them for comments once we have it prepped?

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Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 9:07 PM
To: Ennis, Samuel E <samuel.ennis@sol.doi.gov>; Irish, Tony C <Tony.Irish@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: NVRA Implementation Deadline at Haskell and SIPI

Hi Sam and Tony,

I spoke with Heidi Todacheene earlier today regarding the implementation of the voting rights initiative at Haskell and SIPI. Heidi explained that the funding will be needed by May 14, 2022. The Secretary plans on giving the commencement address at Haskell this spring and the Department now wants to loop in the Vice President's Office and potentially have the Vice President make an appearance and an announcement regarding voting rights.

Heidi has also requested that an internal memo be completed which outlines the authorities we are operating under in order to implement the voting rights initiative at Haskell and SIPI. I have started drafting the memo but have not yet started the portion on funding. It was my

impression that Heidi would like this memo by the end of next week, but I told her it may take longer to sort out the appropriations/funding component of the memo.

Happy to discuss further tomorrow.

Best,
Josh

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Shepard, Eric N](#)
Subject: Re: Question from AM - voting
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:02:21 AM

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Subject: RE: Question from AM - voting
Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:04:06 AM

Thanks. I've passed that along to AM ((b)(6)) and, if that doesn't work Brenda).

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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Quint, Brian A](#)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Meeting Re: OPM and BIE Funding Voting Rights
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:51:41 AM

Thanks! Is there a way for us to get a hold of the link so that we can chime in on Teams without having to call in separately?

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Here's the call in for today, it's at 2pm Eastern.

On: 22 March 2022 07:40, "Ennis, Samuel E" <samuel.ennis@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

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Hi Tony,

I hope you had an enjoyable weekend. I want to check in before tomorrow's meeting with Heather Walsh from OPM and ask if Jenny Wiginton from the BIE team within DIA and Brian Quint could be added. (b)(5)

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As long as it's not in the next 30 min, I'm good!

On: 22 March 2022 08:46,
"Quint, Brian A" <brian.quint@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Great! I have no conflicts today for whenever it is scheduled

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From: [Quint, Brian A](#)
To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Wiginton, Jennifer S](#)
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's Meeting Re: OPM and BIE Funding Voting Rights
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 8:46:15 AM

Great! I have no conflicts today for whenever it is scheduled

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From: Ennis, Samuel E <samuel.ennis@sol.doi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7:40 AM
To: Wiginton, Jennifer S <jennifer.wiginton@sol.doi.gov>; Quint, Brian A <brian.quint@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Fw: Tomorrow's Meeting Re: OPM and BIE Funding Voting Rights

Jenny and Brian,

See below. We've asked that you be added to a meeting with OPM to discuss BIE funding various voting rights initiatives at Haskell and SIPI. You may well be in listen only mode, but given that the leadership has had some ambitious expectations as to BIE's role in this process, we're trying to keep the BIE team in the loop. I'm not actually sure from this email when the meeting is scheduled (helpful!), but Jenny, let me know if you haven't received an invite by mid morning. Thanks,




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To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#); [Berg, Joshua B](#)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's Meeting Re: OPM and BIE Funding Voting Rights
Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 10:35:15 AM

They've been added, thanks!

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Thanks, Josh. Tony - we're trying to make sure the BIE team is present for this call, so let me know if that will be a problem. Appreciate it.

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From: [Bledsoe Downes, Ann M](#)
To: [Ennis, Samuel E](#)
Subject: RE: Voting rights call
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:57:52 PM

Yes. That would be great. We will be “traffic cop” for now to see how much DOJ can take on and what, if anything, they need from DOI to support Heidi.

From: Ennis, Samuel E <samuel.ennis@sol.doi.gov>
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To: Bledsoe Downes, Ann M <ann.bledsoedownes@sol.doi.gov>
Subject: Voting rights call

Ann Marie,

I'm going to be offline for the voting rights call with DOJ on Thursday. Do you want me to ask Heidi to add someone in my place?

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Subject: Re: Voting Rights Project
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 2:49:29 PM

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Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 2:50:42 PM

Yup. Will do.

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Yes, and can you cc Femila Ervin as well? Her Branch generally works with that client.

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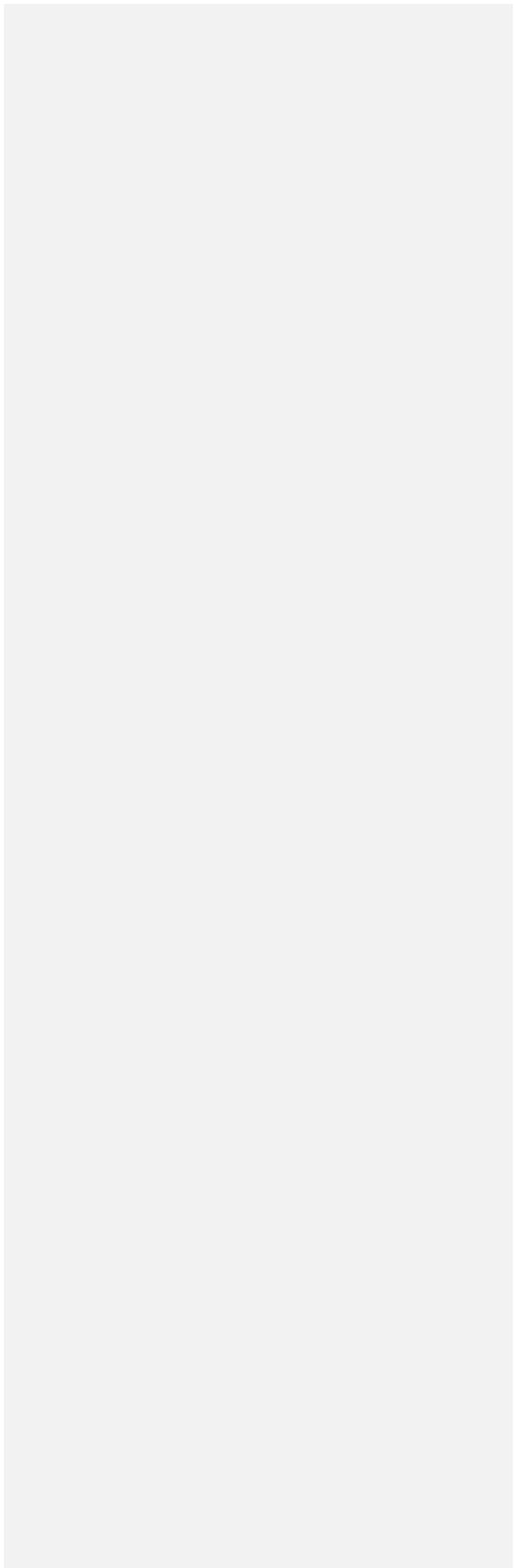
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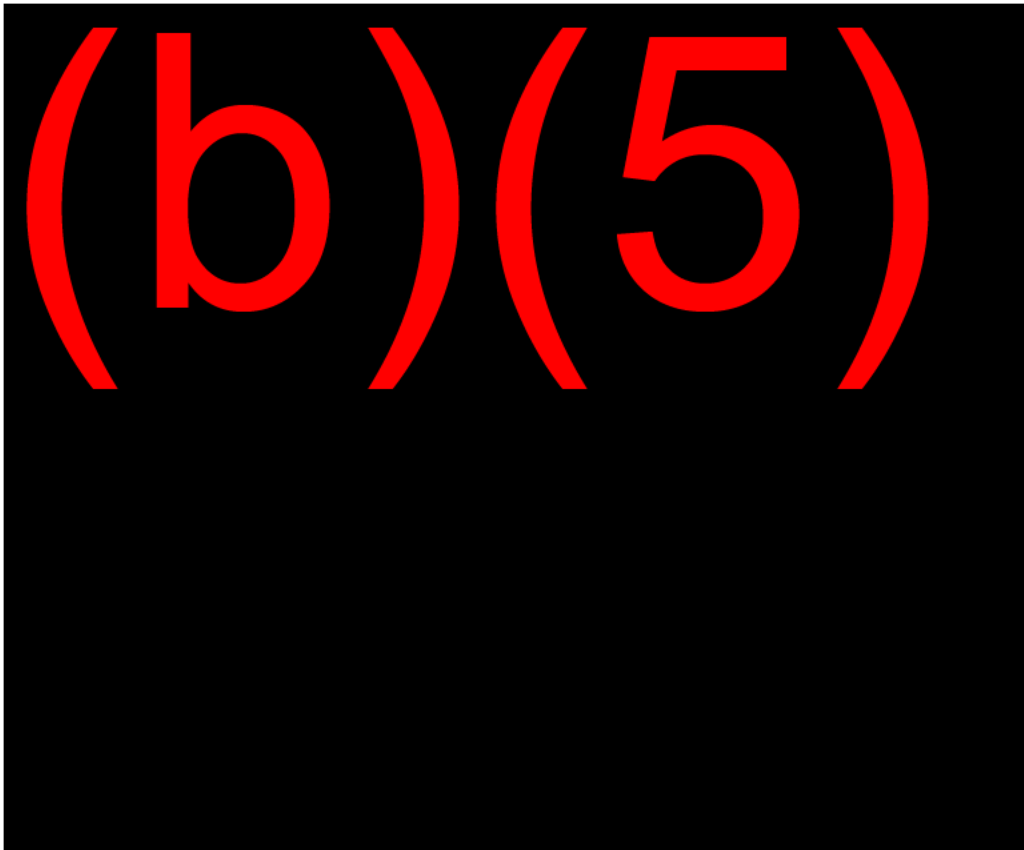
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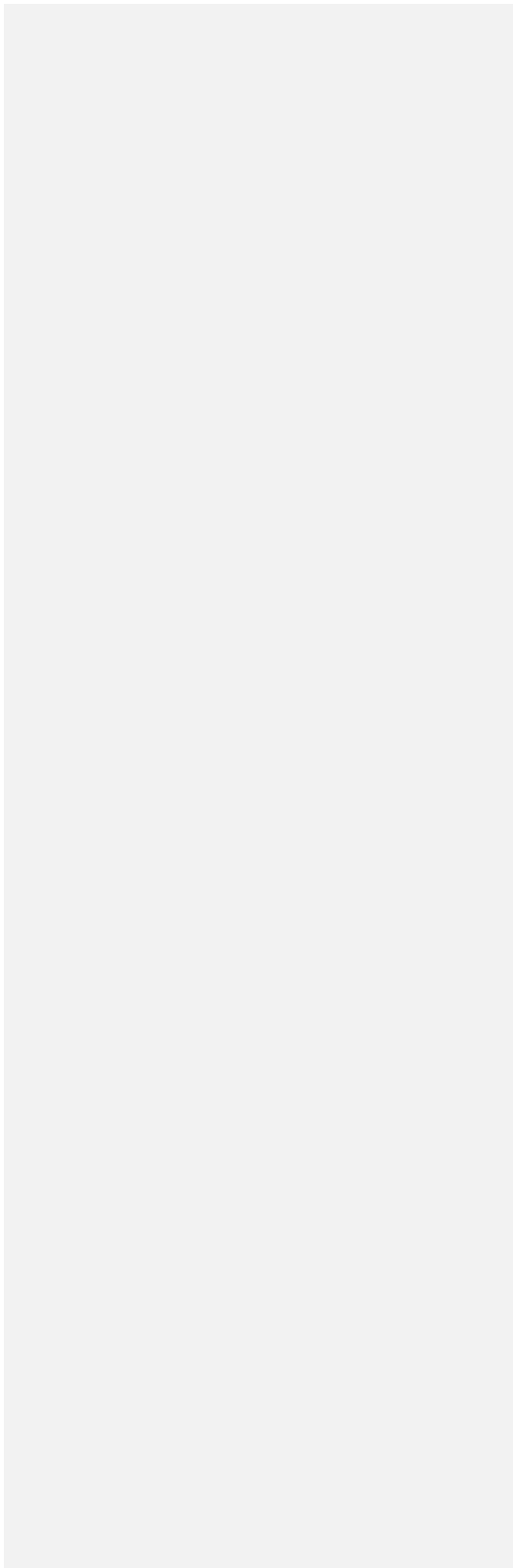
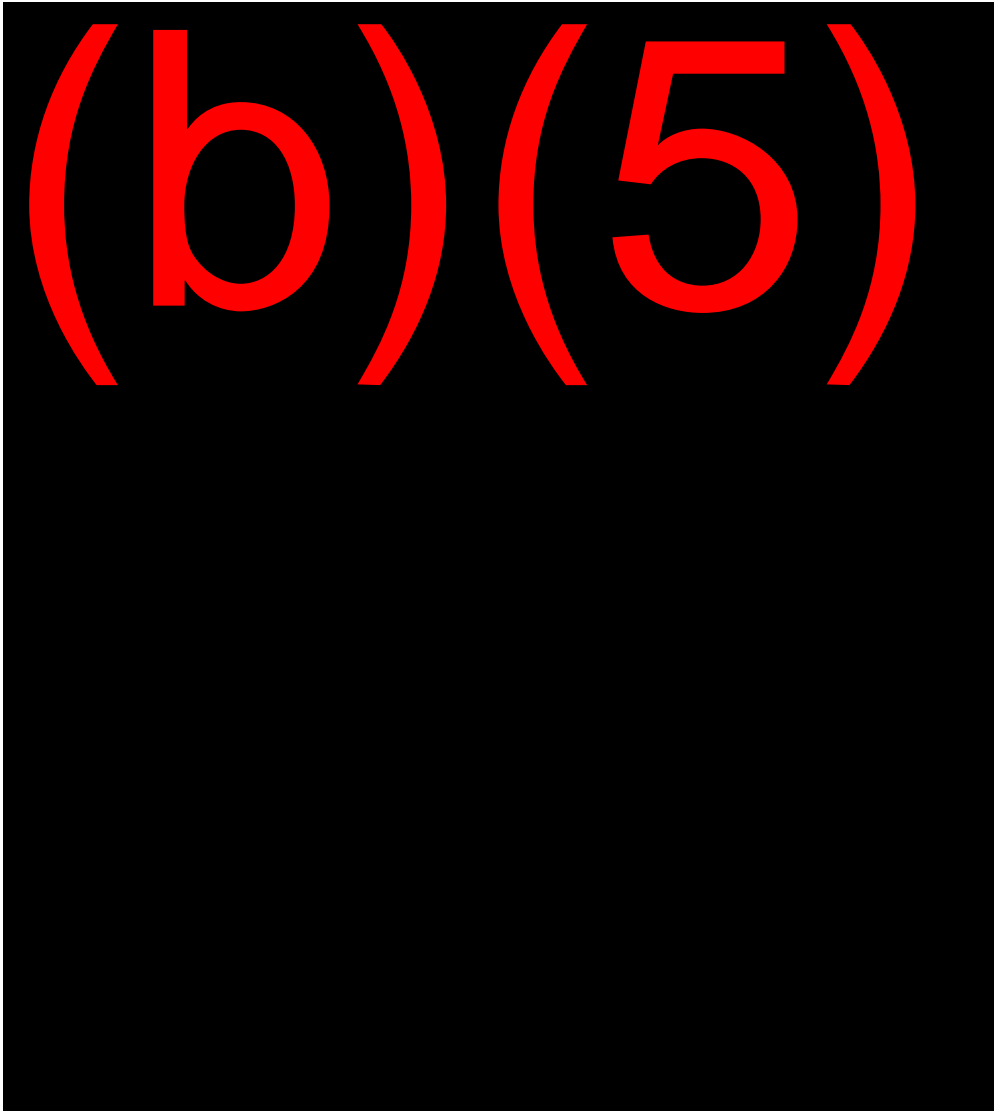
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