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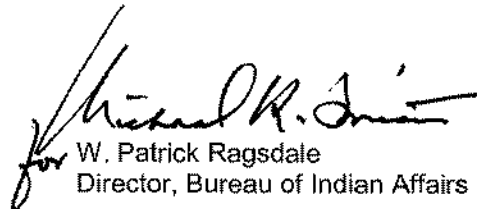
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## EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

Pursuant to the 130 DM 3.4, the Indian Land Consolidation Center is responsible for establishing land consolidation polices, providing technical advice and assistance to Regions with regard to the implementation of the land acquisition program. The Center is also responsible to provide oversight, direction, monitoring and program evaluation for the Indian Land Consolidation Program.

Attached is a policy concerning the land consolidation program that is effective as stated in the memorandum. The attached policy applies only to land sale transactions involving the Indian Land Consolidation Program pursuant to the 1983 authority of The Indian Land Consolidation Act, as amended in 2000 and 2004. Please assure that the appropriate Agency Superintendent, BIA and contract staff receive a copy of the policy (policies) and implement them immediately.

Please direct any questions to the Indian Land Consolidation Center at (715) 682-0310.

  
for W. Patrick Ragsdale  
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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## National Policy Memorandum

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Director

**Number: NPM-TRUS-12**  
**Title: "Rounding" as Applied to the Indian Land Consolidation Program**

**Effective: NOV 17 2006**  
**Expires: NOV 17 2007**

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for the purchase of interest(s) by the Indian Land Consolidation Program (ILCP) when those interests have a value expressed as less than a full dollar or a value less than a penny.

In April 2003, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) established the Indian Land Consolidation Center (ILCC) to provide policy guidance, establish procedures and manage ILCP as it expanded nationally. Section 213 of P. L. 108-374, the American Indian Probate Reform Act of October 27, 2004 (118 Stat. 1773), amended the P. L. 106-462, the Indian Land Consolidation Act of November 7, 2000 (114 Stat. 1991), made the Indian Land Consolidation Program (ILCP) permanent. ILCC is leading the efforts to purchase fractional interests (both surface and subsurface) in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

The Secretary of the Interior has the authority to acquire fractionated ownership interests in trust or restricted lands from individual owners. The interests purchase shall be at Fair Market Value as determined by the Office of the Special Trustee or the Minerals Valuation Unit.

The Indian Land Consolidation Program has been encouraged to development methods that would enable the program to acquire as many fractional interests as possible with minimal expenditures for administrative support. To achieve this desired combination, the ILCP has attempted to automate the creation of an owner's inventory, the valuation of fractional interests, and the mechanical creation of the transfer document. In some ILCP systems the actual recording of that transfer is automatically done within the system. The actual determination of value of a fractional interest is based on the percentage of ownership of the whole and that value is rounded to the nearest \$.01. In order to make that method of determination of value universal in the ILCP, any determination, whether automated or mechanical, of the value of a fractional interest will be rounded to the nearest \$.01 with no fractional interest being valued at less than \$.01.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all regions where the ILCP is acquiring fractional interests.

### 3. Policy

Effective immediately, the following policy will be implemented with regard to the "rounding" of the fair market value of a fractional interest:

- a. The ILCP will calculate the fair market value of the fractional interest and round that determination to the nearest penny (\$.01) If the value of the fractional interest is less than a penny (\$.01), then the value of that interest will be rounded up to a penny (\$.01).

### 4. Roles and Responsibilities

Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA Director is responsible for the development of National Policy affecting Indian Lands.

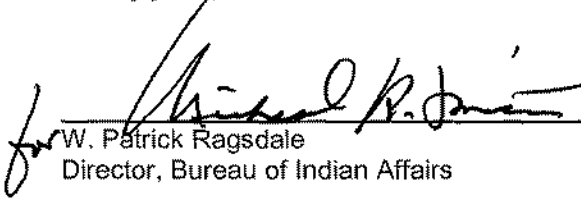
Director, Indian Land Consolidation Center. The ILCC Director is responsible for coordinating the Bureau's nationwide program to consolidate fractional interest in Indian lands pursuant to statutory requirements

Deputy Director, Field Operations, BIA. The BIA Deputy Director of Field Operations is responsible for overseeing the Regional Directors and disseminating policy to them.

Deputy Director, Trust Services, BIA. The BIA Deputy Director of Trust Services is responsible for assisting in the dissemination of trust resource policy and information to the regional Directors.

Regional Directors, BIA. The BIA Regional Directors are responsible for carrying out policy as directed, and for overseeing the implementation of policy either directly or via Agency Superintendents

### 5. Approvals

  
for W. Patrick Ragsdale  
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

11-17-06  
Date