

Proposed Tribal Courthouse Renovation and Expansion in Miami, Oklahoma

Notice of Availability - Draft Environmental Assessment: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's proposal to renovate and expand a Tribal Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma (the Proposed Action). NEPA requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. This Draft EA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative.

The Draft EA is available upon request. Please send an email request to info@clarkgroupllc.com. The Draft EA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

Project Title: Tribal Courthouse Renovation and Expansion Project

Project Proponent: BJA

Project Location: 3410 P Street Miami, Oklahoma 74354

Project Description: The purpose of Proposed Action is for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to renovate their existing courtroom and convert an 1,880-square foot storage area in the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's Tribal Headquarters facility into additional courtroom space. Project activities would include:

- Converting an 1,880 square foot storage area into a courtroom;
- Converting an existing courtroom area into a judge's chambers and a jury deliberation room by adding sheetrock walls;
- Adding new doors, furniture and cameras to the existing courtroom waiting area and a new drop ceiling to the existing courtroom area;
- Paving and expanding an existing gravel parking lot adjacent to the courtroom with asphalt; and
- Adding an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant entryway with a concrete walkway to serve as the new courtroom entrance.

The Proposed Action, if implemented, would address the infrastructure needs of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma by providing sufficient courtroom space to keep up with an anticipate growth in case load. In addition, the Proposed Action would allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to support trials by jury.

BJA is accepting comments on this EA from July 6, 2023, through the end of the day of August 5, 2023. Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgroupllc.com or mailed to 3410 P Street, Miami, Oklahoma, 74354.

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