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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to invite you to participate in Agency-sponsored Listening Sessions to share information and solicit your input on next steps for our ongoing Indian Health Service (IHS) Health Information Technology (HIT) Modernization project. We will host two identical Listening Sessions on June 15, 2021, and June 17, 2021.

By letter dated April 1, 2021, I announced the IHS decision for the full replacement of the Resource and Patient Management System. As the HIT Modernization project continues, the IHS is committed to meaningful Tribal Consultation, Urban Confer, and engagement.

Among other updates, the IHS will share information at the Listening Sessions about the draft HIT Modernization Statement of Objectives (SOO) and obtain your feedback. The SOO conveys the current business objectives, applicable scope, and constraints for the IHS HIT infrastructure modernization project prior to the acquisition process.

Please Make Plans to Attend Our Virtual Listening Sessions

Attendees must register for the Listening Sessions in advance through the links below, using the Zoom web conferencing platform. After registering, attendees will receive an e-mail with a link to the listening session and an audio call-in number. Please widely publicize the information that follows:

IHS Health IT Modernization Next Steps Listening Sessions

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Eastern Time

https://mitre.zoomgov.com/j/1604137691?pwd=L2d3UXhDMktyQjc1MVAwSmpRMzlsZz09

Thursday, June 17, 2021, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Eastern Time

https://mitre.zoomgov.com/j/1604735351?pwd=RkN3VG5kclAyRXhTdXhsbGJMMzhoQT09

We appreciate your feedback and recommendations on the HIT Modernization project.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Mitchell Thornbrugh, Chief Information Officer, IHS, by telephone at (240) 620-3117, or by e-mail at mitchell.thornbrugh@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/
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