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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader and Tribal Leader:

I am writing to continue Urban Confer and Tribal Consultation to seek additional input and recommendations for the final draft of the 2023-2027 Indian Health Service (IHS) Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan.

The IHS hosted a virtual Urban Confer on July 8, 2022, and a virtual Tribal Consultation on July 11, 2022, to promote meaningful discussion and transparency on the second draft of the 2023-2027 OUIHP Strategic Plan. There were 18 Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) that submitted written comments or made comments during the virtual Urban Confer and no comments were received from the virtual Tribal Consultation. Recommendations were taken into consideration in the third draft of the 2023-2027 OUIHP Strategic Plan and corresponding Implementation Plan.

In general, commenters recommend the following:

- Inclusion of UIOs in the IHS Budget Formulation to support funding distributions to provide health care to a larger Urban Indian population and to streamline funding mechanisms;
- Foster communication with UIOs on changes to the IHS Tribal Consultation policy;
- Share the draft OUIHP Implementation Plan with UIOs' input;
- Strengthen UIOs' capacity to work as a community to improve knowledge sharing;
- Incorporate meaningful metrics into the new OUIHP Strategic Plan to monitor progress; and
- Support expansion of new UIOs and new services at existing UIOs.

The third draft 2023-2027 OUIHP Strategic Plan and draft Implementation Plan will be shared with you via e-mail for comments and recommendations.

**URBAN CONFER AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION (VIRTUAL):** Please register and join us for Urban Confer and Tribal Consultation:

<b>VIRTUAL URBAN CONFER SESSION 2023 – 2027 OUIHP STRATEGIC PLAN</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	November 29, 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time
<b>REGISTRATION LINK:</b>	<a href="https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlfc-ivqj0uHx8MGlhd090qvSLD4A28vNA">https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlfc-ivqj0uHx8MGlhd090qvSLD4A28vNA</a>

<b>VIRTUAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION SESSION 2023 – 2027 OUIHP STRATEGIC PLAN</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	December 2, 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time
<b>REGISTRATION LINK:</b>	<a href="https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlfc-6pqDsvGWPCmIAINHl0hztQwVLWt4Q">https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlfc-6pqDsvGWPCmIAINHl0hztQwVLWt4Q</a>

**WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Please send recommendations on the final draft 2023–2027 OUIHP Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan by the comment deadline of **December 15, 2022**.

By E-MAIL to: [urbanconfer@ihs.gov](mailto:urbanconfer@ihs.gov) or [consultation@ihs.gov](mailto:consultation@ihs.gov) – SUBJECT LINE: **Final 2023-2027 OUIHP Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan**

Thank you for your valuable input, partnership, and ongoing support. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Cindy Baldwin, Health System Specialist, OUIHP, IHS, by telephone at (240) 393-7347, or by e-mail at [cindy.baldwin@ihs.gov](mailto:cindy.baldwin@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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