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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I write to you today to announce an opportunity for small businesses owners and operators in your communities, and individuals from your communities who are interested in starting their own businesses, to learn about pursuing contracting opportunities with the Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies.

Indian Health Service and HHS, in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration, will host a half-day “Bridge to Federal Success” Small Business Community Outreach Event to provide training and outreach to tribes and Native Americans who are, or want to become, small business owners. These events are happening in or near IHS Area Offices in the following locations on August 16:

- Albuquerque, NM – National Indian Programs Training Center, DOI University
- Anchorage, AK – IHS Alaska Area Office
- Bemidji, MN – Bemidji Public Library
- Dallas, TX – DFW Minority Supplier Development Council
- Oklahoma City, OK – IHS Oklahoma City Area Office
- Phoenix, AZ – IHS Phoenix Area Office
- Portland, OR – Small Business Administration Portland Office
- Rapid City, SD – Black Hills University

The workshops will be scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon (local time) at each location. They will include training on how to effectively pursue contract opportunities with HHS and other federal agencies, how to find capital and how to apply for the SBA small business programs. Visit <http://www.hhs.gov/grants/small-business-programs/events-calendar/> for information about how to register and directions to the events.

I encourage individuals who may be interested in starting a business or who own a small business to join us at one of these events. If they cannot join in person, there will be a webcast starting at 1 p.m. EDT at <http://webcast.nccsite.com/hhs-osdbu/building-bridges/> or teleconference at (267) 930-4000, Participant Code: 514 259 180.

I also encourage all small business owners and operators to review HHS’ small business website at [www.hhs.gov/grants/small-business-programs](http://www.hhs.gov/grants/small-business-programs) for extensive guidance on how to do business with HHS.

Sincerely,

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