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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to announce that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has launched a series of five video training modules for Contract Support Costs (CSC) to complement the updated IHS CSC policy (October 2016). You may access the on-line training videos on the IHS website at: https://www.ihs.gov/ODSCT/contract-support-costs/.

The CSC policy serves as a guide for the IHS and Tribes or Tribal organizations in the preparation, negotiation, determination, payment, and reconciliation of CSC funding used to support new, expanded, and ongoing services provided through compacts and contracts pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA).

The training modules cover key aspects of CSC, including changes reflected in the updated policy. Our objectives when developing the training were as follows:

- To make the information accessible to all categories of users (up to and including Tribal Leadership);
- To select a platform that would encourage users to review the information at their own pace, whenever it was convenient for them to do so; and
- To create a framework with the flexibility to tailor our content based on policy changes and feedback by you.

One of the top priorities for the IHS is resources – to secure and effectively manage the assets needed to promote the IHS mission. I trust this training will serve as a valuable resource to support improvements for successful CSC activities. I want to extend my appreciation to IHS staff for completing the CSC training videos in support of Tribes and Tribal organizations that chose to contract or compact with the IHS, as authorized by the ISDEAA.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Roselyn Tso, Acting Director, Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-1104 or by e-mail at roselyn.tso@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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