



April 12, 2007

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has a minimum of \$2.6 million from the fiscal year (FY) 2007 appropriation to provide equipment for up to two projects in the FY 2007 Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP). Consistent with the intent of the House Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, priority will be given to those tribes who are willing to provide full funding for facility equipment in addition to providing full funding for facility construction.

If your tribe desires to participate in the IHS FY 2007 JVCP, please complete and return the enclosed intent form by May 1. If you advise the IHS that your tribe wishes to participate in the FY 2007 JVCP, detailed proposal instructions will be sent to you which will outline the requirements for project planning and tribal administrative and financial capabilities.

The authorization for the JVCP is in Section 818(e) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437. Under a JVCP agreement, an Indian tribe expends tribal, private, or other available non-tribal funds for the acquisition or design and construction of a tribally owned health care facility. In exchange, the IHS is to equip the health care facility, and under a no-cost lease for a minimum of 20 years, the IHS is to include in budget requests funding to staff, supply, operate and maintain the health care facility. If staff quarters are required to support the health care facility, the tribe will be responsible to fund and operate them.

If you have any questions, please contact CAPT José F. Cuzme, P.E., Director, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction, at 301-443-1851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary J. Hartz".

Gary J. Hartz, P.E.
Assistant Surgeon General
Director
Office of Environmental Health
and Engineering

Enclosure

**FY 2007 JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Under the Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP), as authorized by Section 818(e) of The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437, and executed through a JVCP agreement, an Indian tribe expends tribal, private, or other available non-tribal funds for the acquisition or design and construction of a tribally owned health care facility. In exchange, the IHS is to equip the health care facility, and under a no-cost lease for a minimum of 20 years, the IHS is to include in budget requests funding for staffing, operations, and maintenance of the health care facility. If staff quarters are needed to support the proposed health care facility, the tribe will be totally responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of these quarters, and these staff quarters will NOT be a part of the 20-year lease for the health care facility.

If the Tribe desires to participate in the FY 2007 JVCP, please complete and **return** this intent form **by May 1, 2007**. This form DOES NOT commit the Tribe to any participation. "YES" respondents will receive proposal requirements.

Please check the applicable box below and return this form to:

Director
Division of Facilities Planning and Construction
Indian Health Service
12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 600C
Rockville, MD 20852

Or

Fax to: 301-443-1810

	YES	The tribe is interested in participating in the FY 2007 Joint Venture Construction Program.
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Tribal Name: _____ IHS Area: _____

Tribal Contact Person and Telephone No.: _____

Signature of Tribal Chairperson and Date: _____