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Indian Health Service  
Rockville MD 20852

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to announce a new application cycle for the Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP).

The IHS JVCP is a competitive program available to all federally recognized Tribes and Tribal Organizations that allows them to expend Tribal, private, or other available non-IHS funds to acquire or design and construct a health care facility. In exchange, the IHS agrees to request congressional appropriations for additional staff and operating costs to maintain the health care facility under a no-cost lease for a minimum of 20 years.

The IHS JVCP application process begins with an initial pre-application. Applicants selected from this initial pre-application are then asked to submit a more comprehensive final application in a second review cycle. These final approved applicants prepare and submit planning documents to the IHS and negotiate and execute a JVCP agreement with the IHS.

If you are interested in participating in the IHS JVCP, it is important that you note the conditions of participation described in the pre-application package. A link to the pre-application package is available at our Web site (<http://www.ihs.gov/dfpc/>). Select *Programs*, then click the link labeled *Joint Venture Construction Program*.

**The IHS JVCP pre-application is due to the IHS no later than Friday, September 12, 2014.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Raymond Cooke, P.E., Director, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction. He can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-1851.

Sincerely,

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