



**Indian Health Service
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The Navajo Area Indian Health Service, Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program, in Partnership with the Navajo Nation, takes key steps to improve efficiency, timeliness, and quality of water and wastewater infrastructure projects to meet the needs of the Navajo Nation and San Juan Southern Paiute People.

St. Michaels, AZ- On September 15, 2025, the Navajo Area Indian Health Service awarded a Program Management Support Contract to Chenhall Sedona Services Joint Venture LLC, with services up to 5 years, through a Bureau of Indian Affairs Program Management and Industrial Engineering Consulting Services Contract. This contract is intended to help strengthen and improve the Navajo Area Sanitation Facilities Construction program's planning, design, and delivery of water and sanitation infrastructure for tribal communities through data-driven program management, process improvement, and proactive identification of homes still in need of piped water or wastewater service. This effort will include the development of a methodology to identify homes throughout the Navajo Nation which are still without piped water or wastewater service, new tools to strengthen program management and implementation, and development of a strategic action plan.

Outcomes from the contract will include:

- A real-time public facing dashboard that will provide project status and updates to improve communications with the Navajo Nation Government and Chapter Officials.
- Streamlined planning and design processes lead to faster project delivery and reduction of construction cost shortfalls.
- Accurate, validated data on homes still in need of piped water or sewer in order to guide funding and project priorities.
- Clearly defined improvement strategies for Navajo Area staffing, technology, and program management.
- Strengthened collaboration and alignment between IHS, Navajo Nation enterprises and programs, Chapters, and federal partners.

- A forward-looking Strategic Action Plan to guide long-term sanitation service delivery for the Navajo Nation.

All work under the contract will be completed in partnership between the Navajo Area IHS and the Navajo Nation through the establishment and engagement with a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of key Navajo Nation enterprises and programs.

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