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Indian Health Service
Rockville MD 20852

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing today to begin a formal consultation with Tribes on the 2007 Contract Support Costs (CSC) Policy. The Indian Health Service (IHS) last updated its CSC policy in 2007 with a plan to monitor and review implementation over the next 3 years. It is now time to evaluate the 2007 CSC Policy, including the procedures that were adopted in 2007 to address new and expanded Tribes.

In order to accomplish the above objective, I plan to convene a workgroup of Tribal leaders to work with the IHS to review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the 2007 CSC Policy. The CSC Policy is available at http://www.ihs.gov/ihm/index.cfm?module=dsp_ihm_pc_p6c3. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Tribal Leader Exception, I would like to invite two (2) Tribal leaders from each IHS Area to serve on the CSC Workgroup who will review and make recommendations on whether to change and/or improve the Policy. We will develop a process with the workgroup members to ensure adequate technical assistance on this complex topic. **Please send your nominations for workgroup members to your respective Area Director by November 15.** Area Directors will submit all nominations to me by November 30. I will announce the final workgroup membership list by December 15. We will plan to convene the workgroup in January 2012. After the workgroup meeting, I will forward any recommendations to all Tribes for review and comment before implementation.

I would like to thank you for your assistance with the CSC Policy and thank you in advance for your participation. In my discussions with Tribal leaders, I fully understand the importance of CSC and its impact on contracting and compacting Tribes and that a formal consultation with all Tribes is needed for this evaluation.

Sincerely,

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