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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to request your input on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 funding distribution of the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) and the Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative (DVPI). The original funding distribution for both initiatives was developed in consultation with Tribes on recommendations by the National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health (NTAC). The MSPI and DVPI projects currently have been awarded funding through FY2012 for project activities through the end of FY2013. The initial project year funding was started with some delay to allow for completion of the Tribal consultation on the distribution for each initiative. In MSPI project year 4 and DVPI project year 3, FY 2011 and FY2012, funding was awarded to Tribal and Federal projects to align the project years closer to the FY funding from which it originated. Here is a table with the funding awarded to date and the associated project years:

MSPI Funding:

Project Year	Funding Period	Funding Source
Year One	September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2010	FY2008 Funding
Year Two	September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011	FY2009 Funding
Year Three	September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012	FY2010 Funding
Year Four	September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013	FY2011 Funding FY2012 Funding

DVPI Funding:

Project Year	Funding Period	Fiscal Year funding
Year One	August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011	FY2009 Funding
Year Two	August 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012	FY2010 Funding
Year Three	August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013	FY2011 Funding FY2012 Funding

The purpose of this letter is to request your input to see if you concur with the recent recommendations of the NTAC to continue the current distribution methodology for FY2013 funding for the following project years: MSPI Year 5 (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014); and DVPI Year 4 (August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014). The NTAC recommended Tribal consultation on the distribution methodology for FY2014 funding for both MSPI and DVPI to be completed by January, 2014. Background information on the MSPI and DVPI projects as well as a complete list of the NTAC recommendations is included in the enclosure.

IHS also requested input on the MSPI and DVPI distribution methodology during the FY2015 Tribal budget formulation process this past year. Recommendations were received from most IHS Areas and while some Area Tribes recommended to keep the distribution the same, some *other Area Tribes recommended that the funding distribution change or that a new competition for funding be initiated to allow other Tribes to receive this funding.* There was not consensus on the Area recommendations, indicating the need for further discussion and consultation.

Therefore, you are invited to submit input on whether you concur with the NTAC recommendations to distribute the FY2013 funding for MSPI and DVPI according to the same distribution methodology. We will initiate a consultation in the near future on the FY2014 funding distribution in collaboration with the NTAC, so please comment at this time on the FY2013 funding distribution. Since we have already received input from Tribes on this topic and we need to distribute the funding for start dates later this summer, **please submit your input no later than 30 days from the date of this letter.** You can submit your recommendations by email to consultation@ihs.gov, or in writing to the address listed below.

Thank you for your support and partnership as we use the MSPI and DVPI to address important public health challenges in the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Background Information: MSPI and DVPI