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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to invite you to attend the upcoming **2013 Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Consultation Virtual Summit (Summit)** scheduled for October 9-10, 2013. This two-day Summit will feature a Listening Session with the Acting IHS Director, and a focus on the IHS budget. Tribal leaders, administrators, health directors, federal staff, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend and can register online by October 7, 2013 at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013IHSTribalConsultationVirtualSummit>. If you would like to submit a question or comment in advance, please provide your input during registration. Upon registering, you will receive a meeting confirmation with details on how to access the virtual Summit through Adobe Connect. All you need to connect to the Summit is an internet connection and/or a phone line.

This interactive Summit provides attendees the opportunity to learn about current IHS Tribal Consultation and Budget Formulation activities through an online webinar. Forums will be available to encourage input and generate feedback through discussions. The Budget Summit session will focus on an overview of the IHS budget, and the basics of the Budget Formulation process, including how Tribal input leads to the national Tribal budget recommendations, and serves as a precursor to the upcoming IHS Area work sessions that are scheduled through the fall.

The first Tribal Consultation Summit, held July 2011, originated from a series of recommendations developed by the IHS Director's Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation. Since then, the IHS has hosted three in-person Tribal Consultation Summits. These Summits have served as a "one-stop-shop" on Tribal Consultation; to learn about current IHS Tribal consultation activities and hear updates from IHS Tribal workgroups and committees. They have been enhanced by adding Listening Sessions with the IHS Director. These interactive Summits are now being refined to focus on issue-specific discussions, such as the IHS budget, as recommended by Tribes. You will have the opportunity to ask questions. The Summit agenda is available on the IHS Tribal Consultation webpage.

I look forward to your participation at the virtual Summit. For more details, including Summit updates, please visit www.ihs.gov/tribalconsultation. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Tribal Self-Governance at (301) 443-7821 or the Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes at (301) 443-1104.

Sincerely,

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