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Dear Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate a 45-day Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer on a draft Indian Health Service (IHS) Headquarters Information Technology (IT) Service Catalog. The IT Service Catalog will serve as a tool for Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) negotiations by describing the current programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFAs) carried out by Headquarters Office of Information Technology (OIT). In addition, it will provide information on how to access OIT support services.

The recommendation to develop an IT Service Catalog came from the IHS Information Systems Advisory Committee (ISAC). This committee was established to guide the development of a co-owned and co-managed Indian health information infrastructure and information systems. The ISAC reviewed and approved the draft IT Service Catalog at their Semi-Annual Meeting on August 10-11, 2016. An electronic copy of the draft Service Catalog is available on-line at: <https://www.ihs.gov/oit/service-catalog/>.

The IHS OIT aims to provide secure and reliable IT in innovative ways to improve health care delivery and quality, enhance access to care, reduce medical errors, and modernize administrative functions. As a next step, the IHS has launched a 45-day Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer.

Table 1.1 below illustrates a functional change in OIT categories as a result of the draft IT Service Catalog. Since 2002 and currently in use, the OIT functions fall into four functional areas. The draft IT Service Catalog consolidates and simplifies major functions into three major support options by delineating improvements in interoperability, along with greater interdependence among our systems.

<b>Current OIT Major Function Service Categories to date (in effect since 2002)</b>	<b>New Functional Service Categories as described in Draft IT Service Catalog</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Database Services</li> <li>• Telecommunications Management Services</li> <li>• Software Development and Maintenance Service</li> <li>• System Support/Training Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Patient Information Reporting System (NPIRS)</li> <li>• Infrastructure, Office Automation &amp; Telecommunications (IOAT)</li> <li>• Resources &amp; Patient Management System (RPMS)</li> </ul>

**Table 1.1** OIT Functional Services Category Comparison Chart.

As part of the 45-day Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer, the IHS will host national webinars on the draft IT Service Catalog scheduled over the next two months. For dates and times, please visit the IHS OIT Web site at the following address: <https://www.ihs.gov/oit/service-catalog/>.

I look forward to your input on this draft IT Service Catalog. Please provide your comments and recommendations by e-mail at [consultation@ihs.gov](mailto:consultation@ihs.gov) or [urbanconfer@ihs.gov](mailto:urbanconfer@ihs.gov). You may also provide comments by postal mail to the address indicated below. The comment deadline is August 4, 2017.

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Thank you for your support and partnership. I look forward to your comments and recommendations.

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