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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to announce the new solicitation for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP). The IHS JVCP pre-application deadline is October 11, 2019.

The authorization for the JVCP is in Section 818(e) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, P.L. 94-437 and codified at 25 U.S.C 1680h(e).

Under a JVCP agreement, a federally recognized Tribe or Tribal Organization expends Tribal, private, or other available non-IHS funds for the acquisition or construction of a health care facility that meets the IHS planning, environmental review, sustainability, design, and construction requirements. In exchange, the IHS will request that Congress fund the staffing and operations of the health care facility under a no-cost, 20-year lease.

Additional information, along with the IHS FY 2020 JVCP application package, is available on the IHS Web site at <https://www.ihs.gov/dfpc/programs/#jvcp>.

If you have any questions, please contact LCDR Omobogie Amadasu, P.E., Division of Facilities Planning and Construction, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-4751.

Sincerely,

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