

Indian Health Service

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leaders Call

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Agenda

- **IHS Update**

- Ben Smith, IHS Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs

- **Joint Venture Construction Program**

- Gary Hartz, P.E., Rear Adm. (ret.), USPHS; Director for the IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
- Omobogie Amadasu, P.E., Lt. Cmdr., USPHS; Program Manager, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction

- **Q&A**



Welcome



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IHS Update

- Funding for leases under section 105(I) of the ISDEAA
 - IHS plans to establish a technical workgroup to help identify and project potential 105(I) lease costs in the future.
- IHS Indian Health Manual, Part 6 - Contract Support Costs Policy
 - [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#), August 6
 - IHS announced revisions to the Contract Support Costs policy to address the portion of the policy regarding Alternative Methods for Calculating Indirect Costs Associated with Recurring Service Unit Shares, also known as the “97/3 Method” or “97/3 Split.”

IHS Update

- Behavioral Health Funding
 - [Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader Letter](#), August 2, announcing a 60-day comment period to seek input and comments on recommendations by the IHS National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health based on the input gathered from the initial comment period that closed in August 2018.
 - Written comments will be accepted by e-mail or postal mail by **October 1, 2019**.
- Community Health Aide Program
 - [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#), June 7
 - The comment period closed on July 8th and the agency received comments from 37 Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and National organizations that yielded over 250 comments from 11 of the 12 IHS Areas.
 - [Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group meeting](#), September 9

IHS Update

- [Organizational Challenges to Improving Quality of Care in Indian Health Service Hospitals](#)
- [Health IT Modernization Project](#)
 - Since October 2018, the team has participated in 25 site visits and completed interviews with staff members, patients, and tribal leaders to gather valuable feedback that will be used to identify how to best streamline our health IT infrastructure and capabilities



IHS Update

- IHS-VA Joint Tribal Consultation on IHS-VA MOU
 - [Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader Letter](#), September 4
- Auto-HPSA Update
 - On August 30, HRSA updated all automatically-designated Auto-HPSAs at a single point in time and launched the online portal.
 - On September 9, HRSA will rescore all ITUs dental health and mental health Auto HPSAs for which additional data is available.
 - ITUs now have the ability to submit additional supplemental data and/or facility-specific data at any time. The deadline to guarantee that rescore requests are processed before the 2020 NHSC Loan Repayment Program application cycle is November 1, 2019.
 - All Auto-HPSA scores are posted on the HRSA Data Warehouse at <https://data.hrsa.gov>
 - For more information about the Auto-HPSA online portal, please visit <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/sdmp>. For questions about HPSA scores, contact HRSA at sdb@hrsa.gov

IHS Update

- Eliminating Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS in Indian Country Initiative
 - [Cherokee Nation pilot project](#)
 - Findings will be shared with other communities to accelerate and support their efforts to implement the most effective prevention strategies locally and to move the initiative forward should the Ending the HIV Epidemic resources be funded in 2020
 - \$2.4 million in supplemental funds for tribal Epidemiology Centers to enhance community intervention activities



Funding Opportunities

- [Planning and Negotiation Cooperative Agreements](#)
 - These annual awards support tribes and tribal organizations with the planning and preparation necessary to assume responsibility for providing health care to tribal members through the Self-Governance Program
 - Application deadline **October 23**
 - Contact Roxanne.houston@ihs.gov with any questions
- [IHS Opioid Grant Program](#) to distribute the FY 2019 opioid funding
 - Deadline to provide comments ended on **September 3, 2019**

Recent Events

- Visit [youtube.com/user/IHSGov](https://www.youtube.com/user/IHSGov) to watch videos highlighting recent conferences and site visits
- [Diabetes in Indian Country Conference](#)
- [National Clinical and Community-Based Services Conference](#)
- [IHS Area Directors Meeting](#)
- [Site Visits to the Chemawa Indian Health Center and the Chemawa Indian School](#)
- Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation
 - Resources: <https://www.ihs.gov/dvpi/resources/>

Upcoming Events

September 5-8: [2019 U.S. Conference on AIDS](#) - Washington, DC

September 9: [Community Health Aide Program Tribal Advisory Group](#) - Rockville, MD

September 10-11: [NCAI Tribal Unity Impact Day](#), Washington, DC

September 11-12: Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting - Washington, DC

September 16-19: [NIHB National Tribal Health Conference](#) - Temecula, CA

September 20: [Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Tribal Healthcare Symposium](#) - Scottsdale, AZ

September 25-26: [Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee](#), Washington, DC

September 26: [Tribal Budget Consultation and Area Instructions Webinar #1](#)

September 30-October 1: [Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Meeting](#) - Washington, DC

October 1-2: 1st Quarterly Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee Meeting (FY 2020) - Washington, DC

Upcoming Tribal Consultations

Rescheduled from July 2019

- **September 18:** Region 3 – Providence Forge, VA
- **September 19:** Region 2 – Syracuse, NY
- **September 23:** Region 1 – Boston, MA
- **September 24:** Region 4 – Porch Creek, AL



Upcoming Events

All Tribal and Urban Indian Organizations Call

Thursday, October 3, 2019

3:30 pm Eastern Time

Conference Call: 800-857-5577

Participant Passcode: 6703929

Webinar Adobe Connect: <https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r4k6jib09mj>

Participant Password: ihs123

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Joint Venture Construction Program



Joint Venture Construction Program Overview

- Started as a demonstration project in the 1990s to help Tribes construct health care facilities. An alternative to the Health Care Facility Priority System (HCFCPS)
- Authorized under section 818 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437.
- Facilities on the (HCFCPS) (Also known as the 5-year plan) may participate in JVCP **WITHOUT** competing.

FY 2020 Joint Venture Construction Program

- Under a Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP) agreement, a tribe will acquire, renovate, or construct a facility, using non-IHS funds. 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.
- [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#), August 7, 2019
- The deadline to submit pre applications is **October 11, 2019**.
- [Pre-Application Kit for Joint Venture Program](#)

FY 2020 JVCP (4 Overall Phases)

- **Phase 1: The Pre-applicaton:**
- To determine if the proposed project is eligible for consideration.
- **Important contents:**
 - A Two Page Project Summary
 - Tribal Resolution
 - **The Joint Venture Construction Program Phase I Score (Need Score)**
 - Submitted to the IHS Area having jurisdiction.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION			
LOCATION:	TRIBE:	IHS AREA:	DATE:
A.	Projected User Population		
B.	Required Space (OUTPATIENT)		ft ²
	For User-population Range:		
	≥5,000 to ≤30,000	projected size = (9.52 ft ² /person x projected user population [Line A]) + 33,570 ft ² = (9.52 ft ² /person x _____ [Line A]) + 33,570 ft ²	
	≥150 to ≤4,999	projected size = (13.5 ft ² /person x projected user population [Line A]) + 7,500 ft ² = (13.5 ft ² /person x _____ [Line A]) + 7,500 ft ²	
	OR		
	Required Space (INPATIENT)		ft ²
	For User-population Range:		
	≥6,000 to ≤~30,000	projected size = (11.84 ft ² x projected user population [Line A]) + 45,845 ft ² = (11.84 ft ² /person x _____ [Line A]) + 45,845 ft ²	
C.	Total Weighted Average Facility Age [From Part 2.]		
D.	Existing Health Care Facility Space		ft ²
E.	Unit Cost to Replace = \$/ft ² [Table A] x Location Factor [Table B]		\$ /ft ²
F.	Cost to Repair: [Sum the FEDS costs for the FEDS Codes shown.] #2 + #3 + #4 + #7 + #8 + #10 + #11 + #12 + #13 + #14 + #17 + + + + + + + + + + +		\$
G.	Unit Cost to Repair = Total FEDS [Line F] ÷ Existing Space [Line D] = _____ [Line F] ÷ _____ [Line D]		\$ /ft ²
H.	Condition Factor = Unit Cost to Repair [Line G] ÷ Unit Cost to Replace [Line E] = _____ [Line G] ÷ _____ [Line E]		
I.	Adjusted Existing Space = Existing Space [Line D] - {Age and Condition Factor (Table C) x Existing Space [Line D]} = _____ [Line D] - { _____ (Table C) x _____ [Line D]} [Using Table C, enter Line H for Condition Factor, then Age of Facility to read the Age and Condition Factor.]		
J.	Urgency of Need Factor from Table D. [Using Table D, enter the value of Line B for Required Space, then the value of Line I for the Adjusted Existing Space to read the Urgency of Need Factor.]		
K.	Distance by road to the nearest Level I, II or III Emergency Room.		mi
L.	Isolation Factor from Table E. [Using Table E, enter Line K to read the Outpatient Isolation Factor.]		
M.	Need = 70 x Urgency of Need Factor [Line J] x Isolation Factor [Line L] = 70 x _____ [Line J] x _____ [Line L]		
N.	% of Equipment Cost to be borne by the Tribe x 30 = 30 x _____ (Maximum Score of 30) % of Equipment Cost (0 – 100%)		
SCORE	Joint Venture Construction Program Phase I Score = Need [Line M] + % Equipment Cost Contribution [Line N] = _____ [Line M] + _____ [Line N]		

FY 2020 JVCP (4 Overall Phases)

- **Phase 2: The Final Application:**
 - Project Narrative
 - Project Management plan
 - Project Budget and Financial Plan
 - Submitted to IHS Area having jurisdiction
 - Final applications selected for Phase 3 is by an Objective Review Team (ORT)
- **Phase 3: Submittal of Planning Documents:**
 - Program Justification Document (PJD)
 - Program of Requirements (POR)
 - Site Selection Evaluation Report (SSER)
- **Phase 4: Negotiation and Execution of a JVCP Agreement.**
 - Joint Venture Agreement Lease

FY 2020 JVCP Tentative Schedule

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE (please note that all dates are estimated)

Schedule Item	Date
Issue Program Announcement	August, 2019
Application Kit available	August, 2019
Due date for Pre-Application to IHS Area	October 11, 2019
Due date for Pre-Application from IHS Area to IHS HQ	November 1, 2019
Candidates for Final Application selected and notified	November 15, 2019
Due date for Final Application to IHS Area	December 20, 2019
Due date for Final Application from IHS Area to IHS HQ	January 3, 2020
Complete evaluation of Final Applications	February, 2020
Candidates for Planning Docs Phase notified	February, 2020
Planning Documents (PJD/POR) due to IHS Area	April, 2021
SSER II approved by IHS Area with copy to IHS HQ	May, 2021
PJD and POR submitted by IHS Area to IHS HQ	May, 2021
PJD and POR approved by IHS HQ	June, 2021
Complete negotiation and execution of JVCP Agreement	To Be Determined

FY 2020 JVCP FAQs and Program Manager

- [Joint Venture Construction Program Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- **Top 3 questions asked to date:**

1. **Q. Would an Assisted Living, Nursing Home, or Substance Abuse inpatient Facility be eligible for this program?**
 - A- No, the Joint Venture program is only eligible for services identified in the Health Systems Planning (HSP) software. Currently, IHS has not developed criteria for these services.
2. **Q. On the application kit it appears there is a 1 year timeframe between planning candidates being notified (Feb. 2020) and Planning Documents due (April 2021) is this accurate?**
 - A- Yes, this is not a typo. Tribes are given up to one calendar year to complete the required planning documents (SSER, PJD, POR,). If the documents are completed before the April 2021 deadline, the project will move forward accordingly. All dates posted in the application kit are tentative and may change without prior notice
3. **Q. What then becomes of the Program Services Functional Activities' (PSFA) in the Tribal annual funding agreement?**
 - A- Existing funding agreements remain intact The fiscal year the joint venture project is in beneficial occupancy the Tribe will receive staffing and M&I funding. Subsequent fiscal years after, the joint venture funding will be a part of the annual funding agreement.

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