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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing in follow-up to my November 2 letter, which initiated Tribal Consultation on Indian Health Service (IHS) contracting policy and procedures associated with implementing the Buy Indian Act of 1910 (Buy Indian Act) at 25 U.S.C. § 47.

In acknowledgement of your requests for additional Consultation, and in response to comments received during the initial Tribal Consultation sessions on November 9 and November 16, 2020, we are initiating the follow-up Tribal Consultation to review proposals detailed in the Buy Indian Act Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). During this session, we will discuss Buy Indian Act contracting procedures, which will include, but not be limited to, requirements associated with solicitation set-asides, deviation circumstances, business representation-related matters, and subcontracting limitations.

Please make plans to join us on **January 6, 2021**, at the virtual Buy Indian Act Tribal Consultation session described below.

DATE:	Wednesday, January 6, 2021
TIME:	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EST)
CALL-IN INFORMATION:	(888) 391-3141 Participant Code: 1709562
ADOBE CONNECT:	To join the meeting: https://ihs.cosocloud.com/r2xktnbnya0h/ Room Passcode: ihs123

I also encourage you to submit written comments on the Buy Indian Act Tribal Consultation to consultation@ihs.gov – **SUBJECT LINE: BUY INDIAN ACT TRIBAL CONSULTATION**. The deadline for written comments on the Buy Indian Act Tribal Consultation is **Friday, January 8, 2021**.

Written comments on the Buy Indian Act NPRM are due on **Monday, January 11, 2021**. Information on submitting comments on the NPRM is available online at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/11/10/2020-24339/acquisition-regulations-buy-indian-act-procedures-for-contracting>.

If you have any questions regarding the Buy Indian Act Tribal Consultation, please directly contact Mr. Santiago Almaraz, Acting Director, Office of Management Services, IHS, by e-mail at santiago.almaraz@ihs.gov.

I look forward to your feedback and recommendations.

Sincerely,
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