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Dear Tribal Leader:

On November 22, 2021, the Indian Health Service (IHS) initiated Tribal Consultation to seek your input regarding the allocation of additional funding to the IHS. I am writing to invite you to join us for an additional virtual Tribal Consultation session related to the \$210 million in additional funding to the IHS from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Pub. L. No. 117-2, 135 Stat. 4 (March 11, 2021), \$3.5 billion appropriated to the IHS in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (November 15, 2021), and \$2.35 billion currently under consideration by Congress in the Build Back Better Act, H.R. 5376, 117th Cong. (2021).

On December 9, 2021, during the monthly IHS All Tribes Conference Call, we held a virtual Learning Session to provide an overview of these funding sources. On December 14, 2021, we held a virtual Tribal Consultation to seek your input and recommendations on the allocation of additional funding. A link to the slides provided during the Conference Call and Tribal Consultation is available online at [https://www.ihs.gov/sites/newsroom/themes/responsive2017/display\\_objects/documents/2021\\_Speeches/IHSTribalandUIOUpdateandLearningSession120921.pdf](https://www.ihs.gov/sites/newsroom/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/2021_Speeches/IHSTribalandUIOUpdateandLearningSession120921.pdf).

Please make plans to join us on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at the virtual Tribal Consultation described below:

<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, December 22, 2021
<b>TIME:</b>	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	+1 (669) 254-5252 Meeting ID: 160 260 7166
<b>ZOOM INFORMATION:</b>	<a href="https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1602607166">https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1602607166</a>

I also encourage you to submit written comments to [consultation@ihs.gov](mailto:consultation@ihs.gov). Please use the following **SUBJECT LINE**: American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Build Back Better Act. The deadline to provide written comments is **Friday, January 21, 2022**.

I look forward to your feedback and recommendations.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/  
Acting Deputy Director