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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to announce the publication of Indian Health Service (IHS) Circular No. 21-02, *Contract Support Costs Advisory Group – Charter*. In conjunction with this announcement, I am seeking nominations for Tribal members to serve on the Contract Support Costs Advisory Group (CSCAG). A copy of the CSCAG Charter is available on the IHS Web site at: <https://www.ihs.gov/ihs/circulars/2021/contract-support-costs-advisory-group-charter/>.

The purpose of the CSCAG is to serve as a resource for information and advice to the IHS. The CSCAG is also tasked with providing recommendations for a uniform and equitable system of determining, paying, and reconciling Contract Support Costs (CSC) funds for new, expanded, and ongoing Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act contracts and compacts.

**CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS ADVISORY GROUP NOMINATIONS:** Please send nominations for CSCAG members to your respective IHS Area Director by **Wednesday, August 11, 2021**. The membership of the CSCAG is comprised of Federal and Tribal officials. Tribal membership must comply with Federal Advisory Committee Act Intergovernmental exemption requirements (2 U.S.C. § 1534(b)). Tribal membership will consist of two (2) elected Tribal Leaders from each IHS Area. In addition, both the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee and the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee will select an elected Tribal Leader, representing his or her Tribe, to serve on the CSCAG.

**CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS ADVISORY GROUP MEETING:** The first scheduled meeting of the CSCAG will be held virtually on September 2, 2021. A meeting announcement will be sent to members of the CSCAG with additional details once appointments are made.

Thank you for your support and continued partnership in assisting us to strengthen IHS program management and operations. I look forward to your nominations and to our first meeting in September. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Johnnita Tsabetsaye, CSC Director, IHS, by e-mail at [johnnita.tsabetsaye@ihs.gov](mailto:johnnita.tsabetsaye@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/  
Acting Director