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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to initiate Urban Confer to seek your input and recommendations for a new 5-year Indian Health Service (IHS) Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) Strategic Plan. Your input will help to improve Agency practices to more effectively engage Urban Indian Organization (UIO) leadership and promote meaningful discussion to identify priorities.

In 2017, the IHS developed an [OUIHP Strategic Plan 2017-2021](#), pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113, 129 Stat. 2242, 2568, which described what the Agency hoped to achieve over the next 5 years, based on the participation and feedback received from UIO Leaders, IHS staff, and other stakeholders. Recommendations received helped develop the mission, goals, objectives, and strategies that were included in the final plan.

In fiscal year (FY) 2022, the expectation is to evaluate the existing OUIHP Strategic Plan and to develop a new 5-year OUIHP Strategic Plan. The new 5-year OUIHP Strategic Plan will include goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measures, based on input from UIO Leaders, partners, and external stakeholders.

URBAN CONFER SESSION (VIRTUAL): Please make plans to join us on **Thursday, December 16, 2021**, for a virtual Urban Confer session on strategies to develop a new 5-year OUIHP Strategic Plan.

URBAN CONFER SESSION OFFICE OF URBAN INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS STRATEGIC PLAN	
DATE:	Thursday, December 16, 2021
TIME:	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EST)
TELEPHONE:	(833) 568-8864 Toll-free Meeting ID: 161 885 1655 Passcode: 856339
ZOOM INFORMATION:	Join the Zoomgov Meeting at: https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1618851655?pwd=S09MRHNST25DNHNVaVJ4dnpoU0RHUT09

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: I also encourage you to send your comments and recommendations by E-MAIL to: urbanconfer@ihs.gov. Please use the Subject Line: **OUIHP Strategic Plan**. The deadline to provide written comments is **Friday, January 28, 2022**.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to evaluate your priorities and ensure the highest possible health status for Urban Indians. If you have questions, please contact Rose Weahkee, Ph.D., Director, OUIHP, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-1555, or by e-mail at rose.weahkee@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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