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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader and Tribal Leader:

I am writing to continue Urban Confer and Tribal Consultation to seek additional input and recommendations for revisions to the second draft of the 2022-2026 Indian Health Service (IHS) Office of Urban Indian Health Programs (OUIHP) Strategic Plan.

To promote meaningful discussion on the first draft of the 2022-2026 OUIHP Strategic Plan, the IHS hosted a virtual Urban Confer on April 29, 2022, and a virtual Tribal Consultation on May 2, 2022. There were 14 Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) that submitted written comments or made comments during the virtual Urban Confer session. The attached second draft of the 2022-2026 OUIHP Strategic Plan incorporates those recommendations.

In general, commenters recommend the following:

- Incorporate language about the diverse health services and data systems of UIOs;
- Support improvements in data and reporting requirements and performance-based approaches or outcomes;
- Include language in the plan to describe how the OUIHP Strategic Plan aligns with the IHS Strategic Plan and the United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Strategic Plan.
- Support improvements in communication at the Area Offices and with Federal agencies;
- Support UIOs effort to leverage resources, such as 100 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage and an Urban Indian Organization-specific All-Inclusive Rate;
- Support inclusion of UIOs in the IHS Budget Formulation process;
- Continue to engage UIOs in the ongoing IHS Infrastructure Study;
- Assist UIOs' efforts to diversify health care provider types, such as, traditional and community-based providers, and detailing U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers to UIOs;
- Incorporate meaningful metrics into the 2022–2026 OUIHP Strategic Plan to support program progress reports; and
- Support expansion of new UIOs and new services at existing UIOs.

Please note that some of the above-listed items may fall outside the scope of the IHS, for example, require legislative changes, or actions from other Federal or State agencies.

URBAN CONFER AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION (VIRTUAL): Please register and join us for Urban Confer and Tribal Consultation:

VIRTUAL URBAN CONFER SESSION 2022 – 2026 OUIHP STRATEGIC PLAN	
DATE:	Friday, July 8, 2022
TIME:	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time
REGISTRATION LINK:	https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-ytrjMsG-Ma4kLhK7RFxj5rhNB3FyE

VIRTUAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION SESSION 2022 – 2026 OUIHP STRATEGIC PLAN	
DATE:	Monday, July 11, 2022
TIME:	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time
REGISTRATION LINK:	https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-ytrjwoEguoL_iVooYPbpwvkmvpZM

WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Please send recommendations on the 2022–2026 OUIHP Strategic Plan by the comment deadline of Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

By E-MAIL to: urbanconfer@ihs.gov or consultation@ihs.gov – SUBJECT LINE: **2022–2026 OUIHP Strategic Plan- Second Draft.**

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Cindy Baldwin, Health System Specialist, OUIHP, IHS, by telephone at (240) 393-7347, or by e-mail at cindy.baldwin@ihs.gov.

Thank you for your partnership as we work ensure the highest possible health status for Urban Indians.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/
Acting Director

Enclosure: Draft OUIHP 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, Second Draft