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Dear Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to continue Urban Confer on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Urban Indian Organization Infrastructure Study and requesting your input and recommendations on how to utilize funding available for the Urban Indian Infrastructure Study.

This request for Confer is in follow-up to the Urban Confer initiated on July 15, 2021.

As enacted on December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-260) provided the IHS with a total fiscal year (FY) 2021 appropriation of \$6.4 billion. Under the heading, *Direct Operations*, the joint explanatory statement accompanying Division G, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021, allocated \$1 million to conduct an infrastructure study for facilities run by Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs) as a first step in the development of a comprehensive action plan to address the most critical deficiencies facing UIOs and health care service delivery for Urban Indians.

On March 15, 2022, enactment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-103) provides an additional \$800,696 to the IHS to fund the Urban Indian Infrastructure Study. Accordingly, the IHS is seeking your input and recommendations on how to utilize this additional funding.

URBAN CONFER SESSION (VIRTUAL): Please make plans to join us on **Thursday, June 23, 2022**, for a virtual Urban Confer session. Urban Indian Organization Leaders are encouraged to provide comments on the Urban Indian Infrastructure Study funding provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.

URBAN CONFER SESSION	
IHS URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATION INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY FUNDING	
DATE:	Thursday, June 23, 2022
TIME:	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time
REGISTRATION LINK:	https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlftuyhrDkiGaVSBZieJL4byNhKe7WZmig

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WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Please send your comments and recommendations on the FY 2022 Urban Indian Infrastructure Study Funding Distribution by the comment deadline of **Tuesday, August 23, 2022**.

By E-MAIL to: urbanconfer@ihs.gov - Subject Line: **FY 2022 Urban Indian Infrastructure Study Funding**.

I look forward to receiving your comments and recommendations on the most effective use of these funds to meet the infrastructure needs of all UIOs.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Rick Mueller, Acting Director, Office of Urban Indian Health Programs, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-3787, or by e-mail at rick.mueller@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

/Elizabeth A. Fowler/
Acting Director