



May 15, 2026

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to make you aware of a special notice contract opportunity recently issued by the Indian Health Service (IHS). On May 5, 2026, the IHS posted a Request for Information (RFI) on the SAM.GOV website entitled, "*Office Space Leasing From Federally Recognized Tribes.*"

To address a shortfall in available office space under current General Services Administration leases, the IHS has issued this RFI seeking information from Tribes that may be interested in providing office space to support IHS operations.

In accordance with IHS leasing authority under Public Law 94-437, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, as amended, and in furtherance of Tribal Self-Determination and economic development, the IHS is seeking to explore leasing opportunities directly with federally recognized Tribes.

Through this RFI, the IHS aims to:

- Identify available office space owned or controlled by federally recognized Tribes;
- Gather information on facility capabilities, locations, and potential leasing terms;
- Assess market conditions and Tribal interest in leasing office space to the IHS; and
- Support future acquisition planning.

Please note that responses to this RFI are limited to federally recognized Tribes, or Tribal entities authorized to lease property.

We are encouraging interested Tribes to provide information on available office space that generally meet the criteria that follow:

- Office space suitable for administrative and clinical support functions;
- Compliance with applicable building codes, safety standards, and accessibility requirements (e.g., Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards);
 - Availability of utilities, (including electricity), water, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and telecommunications infrastructure;
 - Adequate parking for employees and visitors;
 - Flexible square footage (please specify available rentable square footage);
 - Availability timeline (existing space or planned construction); and
 - Geographic location (space located on or near Tribal lands is preferred).

For additional RFI details, including submission instructions and deadlines, please visit the SAM.GOV website. A link to the RFI application package is provided at the address that follows: <https://sam.gov/workspace/contract/opp/ded8a897503b405fa63b2446bb118f8c/view>.

The IHS values your partnership and welcomes your input and participation in support of our ongoing efforts to strengthen health services infrastructure and enhance American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Melissa Warmath, Chief of OEHE Acquisitions, IHS, at melissa.warmath@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton W. Fulton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clayton W. Fulton
Chief of Staff
(Delegated Authority of the IHS Director)