

***Please review the following message from the IHS Director:***

**IHS Contract Support Costs Workgroup Meeting Announcement**

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In my October 11, 2011, letter to tribal leaders, I initiated a consultation on the 2007 Contract Support Costs (CSC) Policy and requested nominations for members of a CSC workgroup to help review and evaluate the policy. Two members were selected from each IHS Area, and the first meeting of the workgroup is scheduled for January 31 - February 1, 2012, at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, MD, near IHS headquarters. The workgroup is comprised of tribal leaders, tribal employees, and technical representatives, and is compliant with the Intergovernmental exemption of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. While the official meeting with the workgroup members and the federal government is allowed to be a closed meeting if needed, we do have limited space available for audience members who wish to attend and observe the meeting, given the importance of the topic of the meeting. We anticipate this will be the first of several meetings on this important and complex issue, and will be encouraging the Area representatives to communicate with tribal leaders and share information, provide recommendations, and gather input during this process.

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