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Indian Health Service
Rockville MD 20852

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to invite you to attend the first Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Consultation Summit (Summit) immediately followed by a half-day education session on the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This Summit is scheduled for July 6-7, 2011 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of this Summit is to provide a “one stop shop” on Tribal Consultation; to learn about current IHS Tribal Consultation activities and workgroups; and to provide feedback and recommendations on current IHS consultation topics. I have enclosed a copy of the Summit agenda that includes updates on the ACA.

This event originated from a series of recommendations developed by the IHS Director’s Tribal Advisory Workgroup on Consultation (DTAWC). I invited the Chairs of various IHS Committees and Workgroups, including the DTAWC, to present first hand on their current Tribal Consultation activities and assignments. Each IHS Committee and Workgroup will provide an update on: historical issues; current activities; hot issues; recommendations; and priorities. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and dialogue directly with representatives of each group. Tribal leaders, administrators, health directors, Federal staff, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

A room block is available at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center on a first come, first served basis at the Federal Government per diem rate of \$157 per night, per room, plus 13 percent tax. Please contact the hotel directly at (301) 822-9200 to make your reservations. The hotel is located at: 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20852. The IHS is unable to assist with payment of travel expenses.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summit. For more details, including general information about IHS Committees, Workgroups and Boards, please visit the Director’s Corner on the IHS Web site located at <http://www.ihs.gov>. All Summit updates, including the final agenda, will be posted on the IHS Calendar of Events located on the homepage of the IHS Web site. Summit attendees are also encouraged to pre-register for the event using the enclosed registration form. Please forward the registration form to Ms. Anna Johnson, Program Analyst, Office of Tribal Self-Governance by e-mail at Anna.Johnson2@ihs.gov, or fax at (301) 443-1050. If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Johnson by telephone at (301) 443-7821.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
IHS Tribal Consultation Summit Agenda
IHS Tribal Consultation Summit Registration Form