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Dear Tribal Leader,

The FY 2009 budget directs the Indian Health Service to initiate new solicitations in this fiscal year for both the Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP), and the Small Ambulatory Grants Program (SAP). The authorization for the JVCP is in Section 818(e) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437 as codified by USC 1636. The authorization for the SAP is in Section 306 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437 as codified by USC 1636.

Under a JVCP agreement, an Indian tribe expends tribal, private, or other available non-IHS funds for the acquisition or design and construction of a tribally owned health care facility. In exchange, the IHS is to equip the health care facility, and under a no-cost lease for a minimum of 20 years, the IHS is to include in budget requests funding to staff, supply, operate and maintain the health care facility. If staff quarters are required to support the health care facility, the tribe will be responsible to fund and operate them.

Consistent with the intent of the House Interior, Environmental and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, priority for the Joint Venture will be given to those tribes who are willing to provide full funding for facility equipment in addition to providing full funding for facility construction.

Under the SAP, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes or tribal organizations who are operating an Indian health care facility pursuant to a health care services contract or compact entered into under The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law (P.L.) 93-638, may competitively obtain funding for the construction, expansion, or modernization of small ambulatory health care facilities.

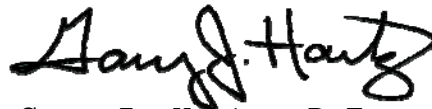
No funding has yet been allocated to either of these programs, but the creation of a new priority list for each program is the first step needed prior to making award.

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If your tribe desires to participate in the IHS FY 2010 JVCP, or in the 2010 SAP, please complete and return the enclosed intent form by July 1. If you advise the IHS that your tribe wishes to participate in either program, detailed proposal instructions will be sent to you which will outline the requirements for project planning and tribal administrative and financial capabilities.

If you have any questions, please contact CAPT José F. Cuzme, P.E., Director, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction, at 301-443-1851.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary J. Hartz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Gary J. Hartz, P.E.

Director

Office of Environmental Health  
and Engineering

Enclosure

Under the Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Construction Program (JVCP), as authorized by Section 818(e) of The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Public Law 94-437, and executed through a JVCP agreement, an Indian tribe expends tribal, private, or other available non-IHS funds for the acquisition or design and construction of a tribally owned health care facility. In exchange, the IHS is to equip the health care facility, and under a no-cost lease for a minimum of 20 years, the IHS is to include in budget requests funding for staffing, operations, and maintenance of the health care facility. If staff quarters are needed to support the proposed health care facility, the tribe will be totally responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of these quarters, and these staff quarters will NOT be a part of the 20-year lease for the health care facility.

If the Tribe desires to participate in the FY 2010 JVCP, please complete and **return** this intent form **by July 1, 2009**. This form DOES NOT commit the Tribe to any participation. "YES" respondents will receive proposal requirements.

Please check the applicable box below and return this form to:

Director  
Division of Facilities Planning and Construction  
Indian Health Service  
12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 600C  
Rockville, MD 20852

Or

Fax to: 301-443-8405

Or reply via e-mail to [john.longstaff@ihs.gov](mailto:john.longstaff@ihs.gov)

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|  | <b>YES</b> | The tribe is interested in participating in the FY 2010 Joint Venture Construction Program. |
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Tribe Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IHS Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Contact Person and Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tribal Chairperson and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Indian Health Service (IHS) Small Ambulatory Grants Program (SAP), as authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Title III, Section 306, P.L. 94-437, as amended, as codified and implemented by 25 U.S.C.1636, and as further amended by language in the FY 2009 appropriation, P.L. 111-8, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes or tribal organizations, who are operating an Indian health care facility pursuant to a health care services contract or compact entered into under The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law (P.L.) 93-638, may competitively obtain funding for the construction, expansion, or modernization of small ambulatory health care facilities.

If the Tribe desires to participate in the FY 2010 SAP, please complete and **return** this intent form **by July 1, 2009**. This form DOES NOT commit the Tribe to any participation. "YES" respondents will receive proposal requirements.

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|  | <b>YES</b> | The tribe is interested in participating in the FY 2010 Small Ambulatory Grants Program. |
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Tribe Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IHS Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Contact Person and Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tribal Chairperson and Date: \_\_\_\_\_