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Roselyn Tso, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the Acting Director, Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes (ODSCT), for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services. The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The ODSCT is located in the Office of the Director in Rockville, Maryland. The ODSCT is responsible for a wide range of agency functions that are critical to the working partnership between the IHS and 565 federally recognized Tribes. The ODSCT is the focal point for Title I Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act activities and implementation for Direct Service Tribes.

As acting director of ODSCT, Ms. Tso directs a national program with various responsibilities that include policy development and technical assistance concerning Title I Indian Self-Determination contracting; policy and operational responsibilities for management of the approximately \$398 million contract support cost program; technical assistance to those Tribes that continue to receive health care directly from the IHS; oversight to ensure that the Agency's requirement for tribal consultation is met; and policy development concerning the integration of newly recognized Tribes into the IHS system.

Ms. Tso began her career with the IHS in 1984. She previously served in various roles in the Portland Area, both at the service unit level as the Administrative Officer for the Yakama Service Unit and at the Area level as the Planning and Statistical Officer, Equal Employment Officer, and Special Assistant to the Area Director.

In 2005, Ms. Tso assumed the role of Director, Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations for the Portland Area, which serves more than 100,000 Native American residents of the 43 federally recognized Tribes located in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. In this leadership position, Ms. Tso was responsible for the implementation of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act and worked directly with the Tribes. Ms. Tso also worked with the three urban programs in the Portland Area that provide services ranging from community health to comprehensive primary health care services.

Ms. Tso holds a bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies and a master's degree in organizational management from Marylhurst University.