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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am writing to invite you to attend the upcoming 2012 Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Consultation Summit (Summit) on March 13-14, 2012 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. This Summit will provide American Indians and Alaska Natives a one-stop-shop opportunity to learn about current IHS Tribal Consultation Activities; to hear updates from IHS Tribal workgroups and committees; and to provide feedback and recommendations. I encourage Tribal leaders, administrators, health directors, Federal staff, and other interested parties to attend.

This Summit 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 Workgroups, including the DTAWC, to present on their current Tribal Consultation activities. Participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations on current IHS consultation topics.

A room block is available at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel on a first come, first served basis at the Federal Government per diem rate of \$224 per night, per room, plus 10.25 percent tax. Please contact the hotel directly at (703) 413-1300 to make your reservations. The hotel is located at 2800 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, Virginia 22202. 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 will be posted on the IHS Calendar of Events located on the homepage of the IHS Web site. Please register on-line at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012IHSTribalConsultationSummit>. For questions, please contact Ms. Andrea Patton, Policy Analyst, Office of Tribal Self-Governance by telephone at (301) 443-7821 or by e-mail at Andrea.Patton@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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