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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am writing to announce that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has taken an important next step in Health Information Technology (IT) Modernization by releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for commercial products to replace the Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS), including the complex work of implementing, training, and supporting the new solution across the country.

On August 4, 2022, “*RFP for Indian Health Service HIT Modernization*,” was posted online at <https://sam.gov/opp/57a0b54fa27246adb1dfde034fa37330/view>. I encourage you to review the RFP and re-visit the site periodically, as there may be updates to reflect new information, for example, responses provided when vendor questions are posted.

An important part of the RFP evaluation process will be an opportunity to review a series of video demonstrations of representative clinical scenarios presented by the vendors. The IHS plans to engage health IT system users from IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian Organization sites to assist in this process.

We will be reaching out in a few weeks to ask you to identify individuals who can serve as Advisors. Selected staff should be health IT users who can attest to having no potential conflicts of interest with product vendors or system integrators that might be bidding or partnering with others participating in the IHS IT modernization process. Advisors will be asked to sign non-disclosure agreements covering their participation in the demonstration events. There will be a certain time commitment expected, but sufficient notice will be provided to enable Advisors to schedule their calendars accordingly.

We are excited to be approaching this point in the Health IT Modernization journey. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Mitchell Thornbrugh, Chief Information Officer, IHS, by telephone at (240) 620-3117, or by e-mail at mitchell.thornbrugh@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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