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Dear Portland Area Tribal Leader:

In June 2022, Ms. Elizabeth Fowler, Acting Director, Indian Health Service (IHS) provided an update to Portland Area Tribal Leaders on plans to construct a regional referral specialty center in the Portland Area. To construct this new facility, IHS is leveraging demonstration project authority provided through the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and \$165 million of funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Nonrecurring Expenses Fund. When completed, the facility will serve 43 Tribes and three Urban Indian Organizations in the Portland Area IHS. The facility will be the first in a planned network of three regional specialty referral centers described in the existing Portland Area Services Master Plan.

This letter notifies Portland Area Tribes that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has allocated \$500,000 from the available funding to complete planning work necessary to proceed with the project. The planning work includes updating the Program Justification Document, Program of Requirements, and developing a Phase II Site Selection Evaluation Report.

There are two options for completing the project planning work. The first option is for a Portland Area Tribe or Tribal Organization (T/TO) supported by all Portland Area Tribes to complete the work under a P.L. 93-638 Services Agreement or Construction Contract. In order to proceed with this option, all Portland Area Tribes will need to submit a current (unrevoked) authorizing resolution agreeing to the T/TO completing the planning work, reference 25 CFR 900.125(b)(9) and 25 CFR 900.8(d). The second option is for IHS to complete the work under a federal acquisition contract. Portland Area IHS would carry out this option in consultation with the Portland Area Facility Advisory Committee (PAFAC).

If a Portland Area T/TO is interested in pursuing a 638 contract and establishes the support of all Portland Area Tribes, we are available to provide assistance in preparing a contract proposal. Please note if Portland Area T/TO's select the 638 contract option, the IHS Division of Engineering Services will be the lead negotiating office. Upon receipt of a T/TO's fully supported intent to contract, we will contact you to begin development of a contract proposal and a schedule for negotiations. Alternatively, IHS will proceed with a federal acquisition if we do not receive a fully supported intent to contract within 30 days of this letter's date.

IHS will issue a second Notice of Funding Availability to all Portland Area Tribes when it allocates the remaining available funds for facility design and construction. This will occur when IHS approves the project planning documents. If you need additional information or have any questions, you may contact CAPT Jason Lovett, Director, Division of Health Facilities Engineering at [jason.lovett@ihs.gov](mailto:jason.lovett@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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