

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS WORKPLAN

In the Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (Act) Congress directed the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to consult with the Tribes to formulate long-term accounting, budget, and legislative strategies to address the funding of Contract Support Costs (CSC). Each agency is requested to consider a standardized approach that streamlines the contract negotiation process, provides consistent and clear cost categories, and ensures efficient and timely cost documentation for the Departments and the Tribes. Within 120 days of enactment of the Act, the agencies are to develop work plans and announce consultation with Tribes on this issue.

IHS wants to ensure broad opportunity for Tribal input and discussion regarding a long-term solution and has developed a layered approach to consultation to accomplish this. IHS will engage Tribes in consultation in multiple forums, some that will allow for general input and for generating ideas, others with specific groups for more in-depth discussion, and finally with designated workgroup chairs for final deliberation and prioritization of recommendations. The diagram below outlines the groups and forums involved and a schedule of events follows.

GENERAL INPUT/IDEAS GENERATED

Joint Sessions with BIA

- Self-Governance Conference
- National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

IHS National Meetings

- Direct Service Tribes Annual Meeting

IHS Listening Sessions

- 12 Area sessions

General Input

- On-going input submitted to consultation@ihs.gov

These forums will allow for broad input and thoughts about a long-term solution for funding CSC. All forums will be structured to provide an overview of the guidance received from the Committees and to allow for updates from previous forums/meetings to open the discussion, with the intent to remind participants of the parameters involved and build upon previous input. In addition, based upon recommendations from the IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC), the joint consultation sessions with the BIA will be split between input specific to IHS and input specific to BIA. The IHS TSGAC made this recommendation because

of the clear differences between how CSC are calculated and paid between the two agencies. All comments will be captured and provided to the workgroups/committees below to review and discuss.

IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION

Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup

- Provides recommendations on the IHS budget request
- Has key insight regarding how CSC funding fits into the overall budget priorities

Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)

- Provides advice and assistance to the IHS Director on issues and concerns pertaining to Tribal Self-Governance
- Has key insight into how CSC impacts program operations for compacting Tribes

Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC)

- Provides advice and assistance to the IHS Director on policy development that impacts the delivery of health care for Tribes, particularly Direct Service Tribes
- Has key insight into how CSC funding affects Direct Service Tribes

IHS CSC Workgroup

- Provides recommendations on the IHS' CSC Policy and its implementation
- Has key insight into how CSC is calculated and the factors affecting CSC need

Each group will consider the input captured from the general forums as of that point in time. These meetings are not chronological so each workgroup may have a different set of comments to consider. In addition, each workgroup may be presented with specific areas to focus on or specific decision points to discuss which will be consistent with the workgroup's area of expertise and related to the development of a standardized approach that streamlines the contract negotiation process, provides consistent and clear cost categories, and ensures efficient and timely cost documentation for the Departments and the Tribes. The intended outcome is a set of specific recommendations from each group that goes beyond the broad input and addresses the feasibility and operational aspects of the recommended approaches.

FINAL PRIORITIZATION and TIMEFRAME

The Chairs of the workgroups mentioned above will review and prioritize the recommendations from each group. The results will be presented to and discussed with the Director, IHS, and coordination with other entities, such as the Department of Interior/BIA, will

occur as necessary depending on the outcomes of the consultation a final report issued for use in the formulation and appropriations processes.

A schedule of the various forums for general input and in-depth discussion follows. The IHS intends to wrap up the final set of recommendations in September 2014.

**INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
CSC CONSULTATION SESSIONS**

Date	Time	Meeting Name	Location	Description
<u>March</u>				
3/11/14	9:00 AM – Noon	National Congress of American Indians Winter Executive Session	Washington, DC	Joint IHS-BIA session for general input
3/13/14	9:00AM - Noon	IHS Director’s Listening Session - CALIFORNIA	Sparks, NV	General input
3/31/14	9:00 AM – Noon	IHS Director’s Listening Session - BILLINGS	Billings, MT	General input
<u>April</u>				
4/23/14	3:45PM	TSGAC Quarterly Meeting	Washington, DC	General input and Update
4/24/14	10:00AM	TSGAC Quarterly Meeting	Washington, DC	In-depth discussion
<u>May</u>				
5/6/14	3:30 – 5:00PM	Self-Governance Conference	Arlington, VA	Joint session with BIA for general input
5/8-9/14	All day	IHS CSC Workgroup	Arlington, VA	In-depth discussion
5/14-15/14	TBD	DSTAC Quarterly Meeting	Rockville, MD	General input and in-depth discussion

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Date	Time	Meeting Name	Location	Description
<u>June</u>				
6/2/14	1:45pm	IHS Director's Listening Session - NASHVILLE	Bar Harbor, ME	General input
6/8/14	7:00-8:30PM	National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Meeting	Anchorage, AK	Joint session with BIA for general input
6/16/14 tent.	TBD	IHS Director's Listening Session – GREAT PLAINS	Sisseton or Rapid City, SD	General input
6/18/14	PM	IHS Director's Listening Session - PHOENIX	Phoenix , AZ	General input
<u>July</u>				
7/8/14	TBD	DSTAC Quarterly Meeting	Albuquerque, NM	In-depth discussion
7/8/14	AM	IHS Director's Listening Session - ALBUQUERQUE	Albuquerque , NM	General input
7/9-10/14	TBD	11th Annual Direct Services Tribe National Meeting	Albuquerque, NM	IHS National Meeting for general input
7/11/2014	TBD	Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup	Albuquerque, NM	In-depth discussion
7/24/14	11:00am	IHS Director's Listening Session - NAVAJO	Window Rock, AZ	General input
7/30-31/14	TBD	TSGAC Quarterly Meeting	Washington, DC	In-depth discussion
<u>August</u>				
8/11/14	PM	IHS Director's Listening Session - ALASKA	Anchorage, AK	General input

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Date	Time	Meeting Name	Location	Description
8/15/14	PM	IHS Director's Listening Session - BEMIDJI	Traverse City, MI	General input
8/21/14	TBD	IHS Director's Listening Session – OKLAHOMA CITY	Oklahoma City	General input
8/27/14	TBD	IHS Director's Listening Session - PORTLAND	Portland , OR	General input
TBD	TBD	IHS Director's Listening Session – TUCSON	Tucson Area	General input
<u>September</u>				
9/8-11/14	TBD	National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Consumer Conference	Albuquerque, NM	Joint IHS-BIA session for general input/in-depth discussions