



Dear Portland Area Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

I am excited to share an update regarding Agency plans for construction of a new regional referral specialty care center in the Portland Area Indian Health Service (IHS).

To construct this new facility, the 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.

I look forward to working with you to expand access to specialty care services in the Portland Area IHS. If you have questions, please directly contact CDR Omobogie Amadasu, Acting Deputy Director, Headquarters, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Division of Facilities Planning and Construction, IHS, by telephone at (301) 443-4751, or by e-mail at omobogie.amadasu@ihs.gov.

Sincerely,

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