



United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Tribal Leader:

I write to announce five additional consultation sessions with Indian tribes to identify long-term solutions for Contract Support Costs (CSC), pursuant to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Act). The Act includes funding to implement the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, as amended, and authorizes discretionary allocations for CSC for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The Act does not limit the amount available, as in prior yearly allocations for the payment of CSC, nor does it include the proposal put forth in the Administration's FY 2014 budget request that would have capped the CSC amount available for each tribal contract or compact. Instead, as set forth in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Act, Congress "remanded back to the agencies to resolve" the determination of CSC amounts to be paid from within the FY 2014 appropriation.

Congress further directed the BIA to consult with the tribes and work with the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Committees on Appropriations to formulate long-term accounting, budget, and legislative strategies for solutions going forward. Congress indicated that any solution should 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 agencies and tribes. These consultations will allow for broad input regarding these activities.

The BIA plans to continue consultation throughout the following months as it addresses implementation of its work plan. Eight consultation sessions are planned for 2014. The first consultation session was held in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session on March 11, 2014, in Washington, D.C. The second consultation session was held at the Self Governance Conference on May 7, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia. The third consultation session was held at the NCAI Executive Council Mid-Year Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 8, 2014. The five remaining consultation sessions are listed below:

| Date | Time (Local Time) | Location |
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| Tuesday, July 29, 2014 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Navajo Nation Department of Transportation Complex Naataanii Board Room #16 Old Coal Mine Road Tse Bonita, NM 86515 |
| Wednesday, July 30, 2014 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino 5040 Wild Horse Pass Boulevard Chandler, AZ 85048 |
| Thursday, July 31, 2014 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Embassy Suites 1815 South Meridian Avenue Oklahoma City, OK 73108 |

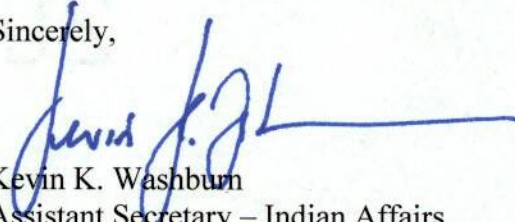
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| Wednesday, August 6, 2014 | 1:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. | Mystic Lake Casino Hotel Wahpeton and Sisseton Conference Room 2400 Mystic Lake Boulevard NW Prior Lake, MN 55372 |
| Tuesday, August 19, 2014 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Best Western Ramkota Hotel 2111 North LaCrosse Street Rapid City, SD 57701 |

In addition to in-person consultations with Federal officials, you may submit written comments by mail to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Attention: Terrence Parks, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4513 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240 or by email to: consultation@bia.gov. All written comments are due by August 31, 2014.

The Department's website provides important information about its consultation and collaboration efforts. You may find supplemental information for the upcoming consultation sessions at <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm>

Should you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Terrence Parks, Chief, Division of Self-Determination, Office of Indian Services, by telephone: (202) 513-7625 or email: terrence.parks@bia.gov.

Sincerely,



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