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Dear Tribal Leader:

Section 105(l) of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) provides that Tribes and Tribal organizations carrying out Federal functions under a self-determination contract or self-governance compact may enter into a lease agreement with the Department of the Interior (Interior) for the Tribally owned or rented facility used to carry out those functions. Under such a lease (105(l) lease), Interior negotiates with the Tribe or Tribal organization on eligible expenses for use of the facility to carry out the contract or compact function.

To date, Indian Affairs (IA) has collaboratively and successfully negotiated two 105(l) leases with Tribes: one for a law enforcement facility and one for an educational facility. To build upon these successes, IA is developing a framework, utilizing lessons learned that will help guide negotiations for future 105(l) leases for these types of facilities.

I invite you to join one of the following listening sessions to learn about this framework and answer any questions you may have regarding these new and unique agreements:

Date	Time	Topic	Teleconference Number and Passcode
Monday, June 29, 2020	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Eastern Time	105(l) Leases	Call-in number: 800-593-9888 Passcode: 7344929
Wednesday, July 1, 2020	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Eastern Time	105(l) Leases	Call-in number: 888-957-9871 Passcode: 3211338

The draft framework is available at the following website:

<https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/raca/regulations-and-other-documents-in-development>

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Judy Wilson, Director, Office of Facilities, Property and Safety Management, at judith.wilson@bia.gov or via phone at (703) 390-6314. By providing a foundation for more 105(l) leases with contracting and compacting Tribes, this framework will further advance our shared goal of Tribal self-determination and self-governance.

Sincerely,

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