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Memorandum

To: Tribal Self-Governance Coordinators

From: Acting Director, Office of Self-Governance *Ken Reinforced*

Subject: Review of Draft Tribal Self-Governance 2005 Annual Report to Congress

Attached please find a draft copy of the Tribal Self-Governance 2005 Annual Report to Congress for your review and comment. The draft report was prepared pursuant to Section 405(a) of Pub. L. 103-413. The main body of the draft report is 18 pages in length. The draft report also contains four appendices. One of the appendices (Appendix D) is intended to contain the tribal reports submitted to the Office of Self-Governance (OSG).

To date, the OSG has received a total of thirty three tribal reports. I want to thank those tribes and consortia for developing and providing the information to OSG for inclusion in the report to Congress. The reports contain valuable information about the progress already made and what remains to be accomplished. Given the importance of the information, I urge other tribes and consortia to consider submitting their information to OSG as well before the April 15, 2005, deadline identified below.

Given the bulky nature of the reports, they have been omitted from the package to be reviewed, but are available from the Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC). If you are interested in obtaining copies of the reports, please contact Maureen Kinley, SGCETC Coordinator, Lummi Indian Nation, who will provide you with a copy upon request. She can be reached by telephone at (360) 752-2270, telefax at (360) 752-2192, or e-mail at mkinley@tribalselfgov.org.

The methodology used to prepare annual self-governance reports to Congress is evolving over time. Tribal input on how to strengthen and refine the methodology is requested. Please review the information contained in the draft report for accuracy and technical adequacy.

Comments should be sent to me on or before April 13, 2007, so they can be used in the preparation of the final report. Do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (202) 208-5734 or telefax at (202) 219-1404 if you have any questions or need further information.