IHS TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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TO: Bemidji IHS Area Self-Governance Tribes

Re: Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee Bemidji IHS Area Member Vacancy

To Whom It May Concern,

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) is seeking a volunteer from the Bemidji IHS Area to serve on the IHS TSGAC as an Alternate. Both Delegates and Alternates are invited to participate in all meetings of the Committee, and are reimbursed for lodging and travel expenses.

TSGAC provides information dissemination, education, advocacy and policy guidance for implementation of Self-Governance within IHS. Active participation is the key to building an empowered community. While Self-Governance Tribes share many of the same concerns there are differences that are unique to each area. It is therefore important that each Area have adequate representation to ensure that their issues are being considered and vetted and that they are a part of the decision-making process.

Self-Governance Tribes within each IHS Area may submit letters of nomination for any elected Tribal official to serve as a Primary or Alternate delegate on TSGAC. Final nominees for TSGAC members are selected by consensus of all Self-Governance Tribes within the respective region.

If you are interested in submitting a nomination for the Alternate position, please submit a letter of interest to my attention to the address below or to Terra Branson at terrab@tribalselfgov.org:

Self-Governance Communication and Education (SGCE) PO BOX 1734 McAlester, OK 74502

The next meeting of the TSGAC is scheduled for October 25-26, 2016 in Washington, DC. I look forward to hearing from you soon! Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba Chief, Mohegan Tribe Chairwoman, TSGAC

Enclosures: (1) TSGAC Protocols (2) 2016-2017 TSGAC Meeting Schedule (3) TSGAC Membership List