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Memorandum

To: Tribal Self-Governance Coordinators

From: Sharee M. Freeman, Director, Office of Self Governance

Subject: Review of Draft Non-BIA Federal Register Notice for 2018

The purpose of this memorandum is to ask Self-Governance Tribes to review and comment on a draft non-BIA Federal Register Notice that identifies non-BIA Bureau programs that are eligible to be included in Self-Governance Funding Agreements in 2018. A copy of the draft Federal Register Notice may be downloaded from the Self-Governance Database website found at <http://64.58.34.34> or the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium website found at <http://www.tribalselfgov.org>.

As background, section 405(C)(4) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended, requires the Secretary to annually review and publish in the Federal Register, after consultation with tribes participating in Self-Governance under Title IV of P.L. 93-638, as amended, a revised listing of all (1) programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof that the Secretary determines with the concurrence of tribes participating in Self-Governance, are eligible for inclusion in self-governance funding agreements at the request of a participating Indian tribe, as well as (2) programmatic targets to encourage bureaus of the Department to assure that a significant portion of such programs, services, functions, and activities are actually included in the agreements negotiated under section 403.

A Consultation on the draft Federal Register Notice is being held during the upcoming Self-Governance Conference on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Pacific Daylight Savings Time in the Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, Washington 99201. Written comments are due Thursday, June 15, 2017. They can be sent to the Office of Self Governance, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 355-G, Washington, D.C. 20240. This time frame will allow the Office of Self Governance to incorporate comments received into a document to be signed by the Secretary so that final publication of the Federal Register Notice will occur prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2018. Comments on the process itself are also encouraged.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ken Reinfeld, if you have any questions or need further information. He can be reached by phone at (703) 390-6551, fax at (202) 219-1404, cell phone at (202) 821-7107, or e-mail at Kenneth.Reinfeld@bia.gov. You may also get in touch with any of the non-BIA Bureau contacts identified in the draft Federal Register Notice.