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**RE: Recommendation to include Section 105(I) lease information request in
FAAB's Facilities Needs Assessment**

Dear RADM Weahkee:

On behalf of the Indian Health Service's (IHS) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC), I write to request that the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) include a request for Tribes to voluntarily provide information regarding Section 105(I) lease in the Facilities Needs Assessment or a separate and specific data call. This information is critical to the Agency's ability to estimate required appropriations to fully fund the related costs. Including this request with the existing data could lead to higher participation results and would provide a snapshot of the current environment in which Tribes are providing health care services.

The information requested shall include the following:

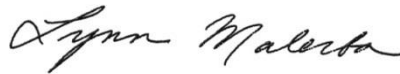
1. Does the Tribe/Tribal organization have a compact or contract with the US Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA)?
 - a. If yes, go to question 2.
 - b. If no, is the Tribe/Tribal organization considering entering into a compact/contract. If yes, when?
2. Does the Tribe/Tribal organization own or lease a building used for administration or delivery of IHS services under the ISDEAA?
 - a. If yes, go to questions 3 and 4.
 - b. If no, does the Tribe/Tribal organization plan to own or lease a building used for the administration or delivery of IHS services in the future? If yes, go to question 4.
3. Does the Tribe/Tribal organization currently have a section 105 (I) lease with the IHS?
 - a. If yes, go to question 4.
 - b. If no, does the Tribe/Tribal organization plan to enter into a lease with the IHS, and if yes, when? Go to question 4.

4. List all facilities, with location, age and approximate gross square footage below. Please identify if the facility is Tribally-owned or leased through another party.

Upon receipt and compilation of this data, TSGAC requests that IHS share the information with the 105(l) lease costs estimate Workgroup and the IHS Budget Formulation Workgroup ahead of the Fiscal Year 2022 Final Workgroup Report.

In closing, we appreciate your consideration in including this request for information from the Tribes in the FAAB's Facilities Needs Assessment. This information is very important in determining future projects of funding Section 105(l) leases. If you have any questions about our recommendations, please feel free to contact me at lmalerba@mohegantribe.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Mohegan Tribe
Chairwoman TSGAC

CC: Jennifer Cooper, Director, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, IHS
TSGAC and Technical Workgroup Members