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RE: Equal Treatment for Tribal Governments

Dear Associate Administrator Post:

On behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI) Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC), I write to reaffirm the ability of compacting and contracting Tribes and Tribal Organizations to establish and utilize direct agreements with the Government Services Administration (GSA).

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act deems Tribes and Tribal organizations carrying out a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement an executive agency that "shall be eligible to have access to such sources of supply on the same basis as employees of an executive agency" (25 USC 5324(k)). During the July 2018 SGAC meeting, GSA reviewed implementation changes that are expected as a result of the GSA Order 4800.2I. It came to the attention of SGAC that implementation of the Order and the GSA National Desk Reference for Tribes and Tribal Organizations requires that compacting and contracting Tribes receive a letter from the Departments of Health and Human Service, Interior or Housing and Urban Development. This standard is not required of Executive Agencies or State and Local governments.

Given the statutory requirement for treatment of Tribal governments and implementation of the GSA Order 4800.2I, SGAC respectfully request that GSA treats Tribal governments similar to other governments and provides an avenue for agreements directly between GSA and Tribal governments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback. If you wish to discuss this recommendation further, please contact Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium, at 918-370-4258 or jays@tribalselfgov.org.

Sincerely,



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