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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Tribal Health Clients

FROM: Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP

Re: *IHS Asking for Facilities Construction Priorities*

IHS Acting Director McSwain in a Dear Tribal Leader letter is requesting that tribes and tribal organizations list and rank their top five health care facility construction needs which takes into account existing and recently authorized facility types. In compiling a priority list, tribes are asked to consider their needs for the upcoming ten years. We attach the IHS letter and a checklist form of health facility types, including those newly authorized in the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

The solicitation is in preparation for the required report due to Congress in early 2016 providing a "comprehensive, national, ranked list of all health care facilities needs... ." Acting Director McSwain notes that the data supplied by tribes "will have no impact on the existing, congressionally endorsed, Health Care Facilities Construction Priority list." Rather it is for planning purposes.

Tribes and tribal organizations are requested to submit this information by June 1, 2015, via email to consultation@ihs.gov with a subject line of "FAAB". Responses may also be sent via the postal service.

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