

# IHS TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Roselyn Tso, Director  
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
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## Re: Draft IHS Strategic Plan for FY 2024-2028

Dear Director Tso:

On behalf of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC), I write to provide our comments on the draft IHS Strategic Plan for FY 2024-2028 in response to your Dear Tribal Leader Letter (DTLL) dated May 2, 2024. We appreciate the joint call with TSGAC/Direct Services Tribal Advisory Committee held on April 29 and the virtual Tribal Consultation hosted by IHS on May 29 to solicit Tribal input on the proposed supplemental funding and are pleased to provide our comments and recommendations.

The TSGAC offers the following specific comments and recommendations regarding the draft IHS 2024-2028 Strategic Plan:

1. Develop a public Strategic Plan Scorecard. –TSGAC urges the IHS to develop a public Strategic Plan Scorecard to define public key performance indicators in consultation with Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations, including TSGAC. A Strategic Plan Scorecard will help the IHS and key stakeholders better track and evaluate the progress and completion of the Strategic Plan. The key performance indicators should be measurable, attainable, specific, and identify needed resources to ensure successful implementation.
2. Develop an effective evaluation or monitoring mechanism. - The draft Strategic Plan does not have an effective evaluation or monitoring mechanism to manage IHS progress toward completing the goals, objectives, or activities. TSGAC recommends the IHS develop an evaluation or monitoring mechanism in consultation with the Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations, including TSGAC.
3. Add Tribal consultation requirements into the plan's objectives/activities. – The draft Strategic Plan's preamble references the significance of Tribal consultations; however, Tribal consultations are not mentioned in the Strategic Plan's goals, objectives, or activities. TSGAC would like to partner with the IHS to incorporate Tribal consultation requirements into the appropriate objectives/activities of the Strategic Plan. TSGAC believes that having Tribal consultations requirements on certain objectives/activities with the identification of key performance indicators will better help the IHS and Tribal Nation evaluate and monitor the Strategic Plan.

In closing, the TSGAC appreciates the work the IHS has done in drafting its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan and supports many aspects of the plan. It is our hope that you will respectfully

**TSGAC Comments on IHS Strategic Plan 2024-2028**

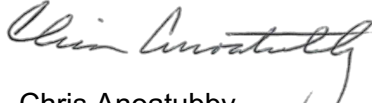
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consider our comments and recommendations as you finalize the plan. In the meantime, should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 272-5160; or via email: [chris.anoatubby@chickasaw.net](mailto:chris.anoatubby@chickasaw.net) . Thank you.

Sincerely,



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