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Dear Tribal Leader:

We are pleased to present the draft policy for providing full funding for contract support costs (CSC) incurred by tribes under self-determination contracts and self-governance funding agreements. The draft policy provides a simplified and streamlined approach to calculating CSC that reflects the commitment of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs to paying all tribes full CSC. The input you and other Tribal leaders have provided in past CSC consultation and listening sessions has underscored the importance of CSC funding, and we hope that you will take the opportunity to review this latest draft and provide comments.

A copy of the draft policy is available for your review at: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/Consultation/index.htm>.

We will be hosting the following consultation sessions to discuss this draft CSC policy and invite your participation:

Date	Time (Local Time Zone)	Location
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Buena Vista Palace and Resort 1900 E Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830 Meeting Room: Great Hall North (in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Consultation Conference)
Tuesday, May 17, 2016	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	DOI University- National Indian Programs Training Center, 1011 Indian School Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104 Meeting Room: 231-233
Thursday, May 19, 2016	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Hilton San Francisco Union Square, 333 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 Meeting Room: Taylor AB
Friday, June 10, 2016	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	The Skirvin Hilton Oklahoma City, One Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 Meeting Room: Continental Room

If you would like to provide written input, please send it by email to consultation@bia.gov or by mail to: Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, attn.: CSC Comments, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-3071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. We will consider all written input we receive by July 29, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding these sessions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hankie Ortiz, Deputy Bureau Director – Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at (202) 513-7640 or via email: hankie.ortiz@bia.gov.

We look forward to your input on this draft CSC policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Roberts", is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "L" and "R".

Lawrence S. Roberts
Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs