



April 23, 2008

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC) is hosting the Fifth Annual Direct Service Tribes (DST) National Meeting on August 5-7 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park in Spokane, Washington. We invite you to attend this meeting which is intended to address the issues and concerns of Tribes who receive their health care directly from the Indian Health Service (IHS). This meeting will provide an opportunity to hear updates from IHS on today's top issues and offer a forum for DST leader input on the agency budget, programs and facility issues.

What is a Direct Service Tribe?

- Tribes who elect either in whole or in part to continue to receive primary health care directly from IHS. (A majority of the Tribes have not compacted or contracted their health care facilities; many have contracted some programs, but have left the majority of services with the IHS). Nine of the twelve IHS Areas are viewed as Direct Service Areas. DST believe their choice is an expression of self-determination, believing the Federal Government has a legal responsibility and an obligation to provide health care to Indian Tribes as defined in treaties, statutes, and executive orders. Many large, land-based Tribes and smaller remote area Tribes in the contiguous United States have made the decision to continue as recipients of direct health services and partners with the IHS as the arm to meet the federal governments trust or treaty responsibility.
- DST believe that the choice reinforces and strengthens the Government-to-Government relationship between Tribes and the Federal Government for quality health care delivery.

The Advisory Committee has hosted four national meetings focusing on health issues for DST. These "working" meetings have been successful due, in part, to Tribal contributions and sponsorships.

Once again we request your support for the DST National Meeting and have enclosed a list of sponsorship opportunities for this year's event. Each Tribe who supports the meeting through a donation will receive recognition during the event and acknowledgement on the DST website. The DSTAC continues to rely on the Indian values of generosity and cooperation to nurture our people and make this important event an even greater success.

We look forward to your response and generous support. If your Tribe is unable to provide a donation at this time we look forward to your support in attending the DST National Meeting and providing your input as a leader of a Direct Service Tribe.

Please visit the DST website at www.directservicetribes.org for agenda, registration and lodging information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynette Piffero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Lynette Piffero, Chairperson
Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee

**2008 IHS Direct Service Tribes National Meeting
Red Lion Hotel
Spokane, WA
August 5-7, 2008**

Estimated Food and Beverage Costs

August 5 - Day One	<u>All-Day Break Package 1</u> (Includes Continental Breakfast, AM Break, & PM Break) – All inclusive	200 x \$19.25 + 19% service charge (tax-exempt)	\$4,581.50
	<p>Continental includes assorted breakfast breads with preserves and butter, chilled fruit juices, sliced fresh seasonal fruit, freshly brewed coffee, decaf, and hot Tazo teas</p> <p>AM Break includes basket of whole fresh fruit, granola bars, assorted soft drinks, and mineral water, freshly brewed coffee, decaf, and hot Tazo teas</p> <p>PM Break includes assorted soft drinks, mineral water, freshly brewed coffee, decaf, and hot Tazo teas, chocolate chip cookies, lemon bars, and fudge brownies.</p>		
August 6 - Day Two	<u>All-Day Break Package 1</u> (Includes Continental Breakfast, AM Break, & PM Break) – All inclusive	200 x \$19.25 + 19% service charge (tax-exempt)	\$4,581.50
	<p>Continental includes assorted breakfast breads with preserves and butter, chilled fruit juices, sliced fresh seasonal fruit, freshly brewed coffee, decaf, and hot Tazo teas</p> <p>AM Break includes basket of whole fresh fruit, granola bars, assorted soft drinks, and mineral water, freshly brewed coffee, decaf, and hot Tazo teas</p> <p>PM Break includes assorted soft drinks, mineral water, freshly brewed coffee, decaf, and hot Tazo teas, chocolate chip cookies, lemon bars, and fudge brownies.</p>		
August 7 - Day Three (AM only)	<u>Continental Breakfast #2</u> – All inclusive	150 x \$11.95 + 19% service charge (tax-exempt)	\$2,134
	<p>Continental includes assorted chilled fruit juices, assorted breakfast breads and bagels, sliced fresh fruit with honey yogurt dressing, preserves, cream cheese, and butter; served with freshly squeezed orange juice and freshly brewed coffee, decaf or hot Tazo tea.</p>		
	GRAND TOTAL:		

(Internal notes for Committee):

- Each break & reception cost can be split among donating tribes. Receptions may be replaced by one evening cultural gathering if committee determines.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Conference Lanyards—

\$1,750 –

An important conference essential and provides a fantastic opportunity for exposure. The sponsor's name will be featured on the conference lanyard. All attendees will be wearing one!

Break & Reception Sponsor - see attached cost list

One of the most valuable opportunities to participate in the conference and to garner the most recognition and attention is to sponsor a morning or afternoon break. All attendees routinely take advantage of the complimentary drinks and snacks provided during the breaks and sponsors are assured of reaching a large audience.

There will be a total of five (5) breaks and expenses include a variety of drinks and snacks.

In recognition of the Break and Reception Sponsors, the DST will:

- List the organization's name and/or logo in the conference program and DST website
- Allow the organization to advertise further by inserting materials in conference bags or program booklet
- Verbal recognition during the conference

Conference Bag Sponsor –

\$7,500 –

The most visible opportunity to participate in the conference is the conference bag. All conference registrants receive a conference bag emblazoned with the sponsor's logo and conference theme.

In recognition of the Conference Bag Sponsor, the DST will:

- List the organization's name and/or logo in the conference program and DST website
- Allow the organization to advertise further by inserting materials in conference bags
- Verbal recognition during the conference

In-Kind Gift Donation Suggestions

- Plenary Speaker/honored guests gifts
- Bottled Water for Special Events
- Provide "goodies" for the conference bags
- Provide health personnel to conduct health screenings during the conference

SPONSORSHIP FORM (2 PAGES)

To confirm your sponsorship, please complete the following page and submit by fax, email, or mail. To be listed in marketing pieces, please submit your intent to sponsor by ~~██████████~~ *June 30, 2008*

Organization: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

- Level and Amount: Platinum: \$4,501+ (Specify Amount - _____)
- Gold: \$3,001-\$4,500 (Specify Amount - _____)
- Silver: \$1,501-\$3,000 (Specify Amount - _____)
- Bronze: \$500-\$1,500 (Specify Amount - _____)
- Lanyards (\$1,750)
- Break (\$4,000)
- Bag Sponsor (\$7,500);
- Gift-in-Kind Sponsor*

*If you are donating In-Kind Gifts/Sponsorship, please list item(s) that will be provided:

Method of Payment:

Check/Money Order Enclosed PO Number Visa MC Amex

Credit Card No: _____

Authorization Signature: _____

Name: _____

Tribe/Organization: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please enclose payment (check, money order or credit card) and send by July 25, 2008 to: Northwest Portland Indian Health Board, ATTN: Elaine Dado, 527 SW Hall, Suite 300, Portland, Oregon 97201, Phone: (503) 228-4185, Fax: (503) 228-8182.

Should you have any questions, please contact Andrew Joseph, Jr. (DSTAC Portland Representative) at Phone: 509-634-2209 or by email: andy.joseph@colvilletribes.com or Janice Clements (DSTAC Portland Representative), Message: 541-553-2461, x: 4243; E-mail: DTufti@wstribes.org.