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November 6, 2006

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DOCKETING NOTICE

IBCA 4857-2006

thru

IBCA 4861-2006

Dear Mr. Strommer:

The appeals of Council of Athabascan Tribal Government, filed with respect to Indian Health Service Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) Contract Nos. 243-94-0038 (FY 1995) and 243-96-6008 (FY 1996-2000) have been assigned to Chief Administrative Judge Candida S. Steel and docketed as follows:

**IBCA 4857-2006 - Fiscal Year 1996
IBCA 4858-2006 - Fiscal Year 1997
IBCA 4859-2006 - Fiscal Year 1998
IBCA 4860-2006 - Fiscal Year 1999
IBCA 4861-2006 - Fiscal Year 2000**

Future correspondence regarding these appeals should refer to those docket numbers. The Board should be addressed as follows:

**Chief Administrative Judge Candida S. Steel
Interior Board of Contract Appeals
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A copy of the Board's Rules of Procedure is enclosed. Appellant's counsel filed its Complaint with the Notice of Appeal. The Government's Answer is due within 30 days. Please note that Section 4.117 requires that a copy of any document filed with the Board be served upon the other party. It is equally important that all correspondence be dated before filing. Finally, please include an electronic copy of any filings on diskette or CD in Word Perfect or Word format with the hard copy of the original pleadings

In addition to the Rules, we have enclosed copies of the Board's Notice Regarding Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (ADR), which was adopted on February 7, 1990, and of our Code of Professional Courtesy, adopted May 1, 1994. Both are self-explanatory. An increasingly high percentage of parties who choose ADR methods now resolve their disputes without the expense of a formal evidentiary hearing before the Board. The Code was similarly adopted because of a perceived need for it on the part of both judges and members of the bar. We commend it to your attention.

By copy of this docketing notice, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville, Maryland, is requested to designate counsel to represent the Government in this appeal. Likewise, by copy hereof, the Contracting Officer is reminded to promptly, within not more than 30 days, compile the appeal file and transmit copies to the Board, Government counsel, and Appellant as specified in Section 4.104 of the Board's Rules.

The Contracting Officer is also reminded to note the specific provisions of Section 4.104(c) requiring that documents included in the appeal file be legible, arranged in chronological order when practicable, numbered sequentially, tabbed, indexed to identify the contents of the file, and bound.

Sincerely,



Andrea I. Lewis
Recorder

Enclosures:

cc: **Burton J. Humphrey, Contracting Officer**
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candida S. Steel
Chief Administrative Judge

FROM: Andrea I. Lewis *Andrea Lewis*
Recorder

SUBJECT: IBCA 4857-4861-2006
Assignment of Appeals of Council of Athanbascan
Tribal Government

Effective this date the above-entitled appeals are hereby
assigned to your docket.