

# Nashville Area Updates

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- Fiscal Responsibility Act of FY2023
  - Rescinded the following funds from the Nashville Area:
    - Supplemental #1: Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriation
    - Supplemental #3: \$20 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funding
    - Supplemental #4: Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PPPHCEA)
    - Supplemental #5: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
  - Did Not Rescind the following:
    - Supplemental 3: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Expired)
    - Supplemental 6: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)



# The IHS Health Information Technology (IT) Modernization Program Monthly Update

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# IHS Health IT Modernization Program Summary

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- The IHS continues a multi-year Health Information Technology (IT) Modernization Program with ongoing tribal consultation and urban confer
- Plan to replace RPMS with a commercial EHR that meets or exceed current capabilities
- **Health IT Modernization cost estimate is \$4.5-\$6.2 billion dollars over 10 years**



# Recent Activities to Support Solution Development

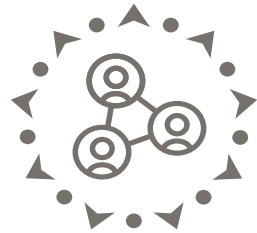
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## **Contractor Support**

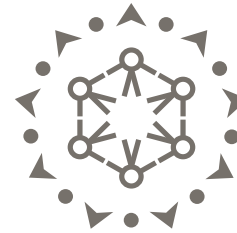
IHS awarded multi-year contracts to Alaska Native / Native-American owned businesses to support the Modernization.

The Kadiak team provides program management support, while Totem's team provides change management expertise.



## **Program Communications**

IHS will hold discussions with IHS staff and partners to learn how to improve Modernization communications. IHS will also speak with staff to gauge the organization's readiness for the changes involved with the EHR solution.



## **Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer (TC/UC)**

The next Health IT Modernization Program related TC/UC is set for August 2.

The presentation and discussion will center on ways to participate in governance of the new EHR solution.



## **IHS Partner Engagement**

Continued one-on-one engagement with respective tribes, urban Indian organizations, councils, and committees.



# Request For Proposal Status

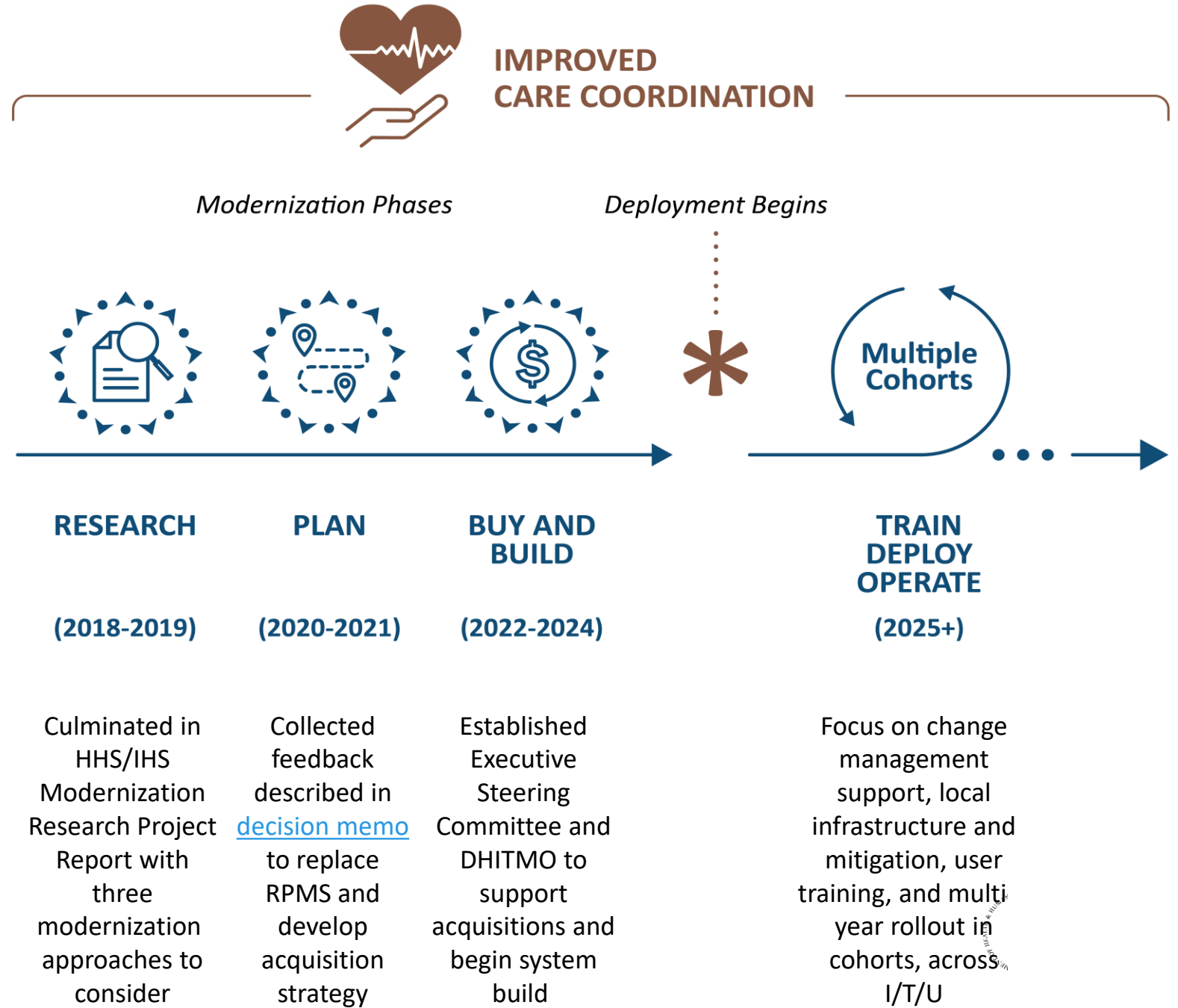
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- IHS released the [Program Management Office](#) (PMO) and [Organizational Change Management](#) (OCM) solicitations on October 25, 2022
  - Set aside for Indian Small Business Economic Enterprises (ISBEE)
- IHS awarded the PMO contract to [Kadiak, LLC](#), an Alaska Native Corporation, on March 31, 2023, that will provide staffing to support federal leadership in the DHITMO with a broad range of responsibilities throughout the Program lifecycle
- IHS awarded the OCM contract to Native-American owned [Totem](#) on April 14, 2023, that will provide expertise to assist with the people side of change, as organizations and healthcare facilities across the country plan and prepare for the transition to new health information systems



# Enterprise Electronic Health Record

The Program will methodically create and deploy the new enterprise EHR solution across Indian Country in collaboration with our partners





To learn more about the IHS Health Information Technology Modernization Program visit the Health IT Modernization Program website: <https://www.ihs.gov/hit/>

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Sign up for Modernization Program updates at

[https://www.ihs.gov/listserv/topics/signup/?list\\_id=611](https://www.ihs.gov/listserv/topics/signup/?list_id=611)





# Questions & Answers

Context on IHS Health IT Modernization Program

# Behavioral Health and Suicide Crisis Response in Tribal Communities

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# Community Health Aide Program Expansion: National Certification Board

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# Nashville Area Office Emergency Management Function

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# Background

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- In the past, EM for healthcare and tribal communities received little attention
  - Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ⇔ Healthcare system improvements
  - COVID-19 Pandemic ⇔ Greater appreciation of tribal challenges
    - Recent appointment of FEMA [National Tribal Affairs Advisor](#)
    - Funding for [Regional Tribal Liaison](#) within each FEMA Region
    - [FEMA Tribal Policy](#)
    - [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#)



# Basis for EM services review

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- Inherent NASHS services/normal operations that intersect with EM;
- Improvements in federal-tribal coordination, and
- Development of EM capacity within Tribal entities, local jurisdictions, and the healthcare system.



# Purposes

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Re-focus NASIHS on core responsibilities related to emergency preparedness for healthcare systems, with less emphasis on response, recovery, and mitigation



# NASIHS Overall Responsibilities

1. Support the continuity of essential IHS Area Office operations
2. Coordinate with IHS HQ and HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
3. Assist with healthcare program emergency preparedness at Federal and Tribal Service Units/facilities who retain EHS services
4. Collaborate with HHS and federal agencies to facilitate communications with Tribal partners
5. Link federal and tribal health programs to available resources (training, funding, etc.)
6. Provide response assistance to healthcare facilities as well as critical public health infrastructure (i.e. water and sewer services) in the form of:
  - Remote and onsite technical assistance and
  - Share funding opportunities
7. Advocate direct Federal-Tribal relations and assist the development of local tribal healthcare and public health emergency management capacity.





# Core Topics & Activities: I/T/U Partners

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- Support through all phases of emergency lifecycle
  - Communicate with I/T/U entities and other EM agencies
- Preparedness
  - Assist development/review of healthcare EM plans and exercises
  - Provide consultation and evaluation for I/T/U local EM improvements
  - Facilitate basic EM equipment and supply requests to agencies



# NASIHS EM Cache

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- Currently contains 30 types of Items, such as:
  - Tents,
  - sandbags,
  - Cots,
  - EMS equipment,
  - Generators,
  - Work lights,
  - Blankets



# Nashville Area Tribal Shares Updates

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# Nashville Area Tribal Shares Overview

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- History of Nashville Area Shares
- Review of historical Nashville Area Tribal Shares Table
- Tribal Consultation on change to Recurring Area Shares
- Overview of updated Area Tribal Shares Table



# History of Nashville Area Shares

- Established in 90's  
- Through Federal/Tribal Group  
- Non-Recurring Proportional Share Methodology

Tribal Consultation completed and Area Tribal Shares transitioned to Recurring throughout FY2015

Beginning in FY2016 Area Tribal Shares totals were individually tracked on respective Tribes Recurring Base Fund Certification table.

NAO Received Funding under the New or Restored Federally Recognized Tribes Policy for 4 additional Tribal Nations.

NAO Received Funding under the New or Restored Federally Recognized Tribes Policy for 7 additional Tribal Nations.



# Historical Nashville Area Tribal Shares

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- Workbook formulated on non-recurring proportional methodology.
- Included all Tribes Recurring Program Base (only at the Program/Service Unit level) in the Area at the time of original development, this was the key component to the historical methodology.
- Outlined individual Area Share totals for all Tribes who were actively negotiating to contract/compact for Area Shares (10 Tribes).
- Did not outline individual Area Share totals for all Tribes who were not yet contracting/compacting for Area Shares at the time (15 Tribes).
- Did not include the Tribal Nations the Area received funding through the request process outlined in the Indian Health Manual, Part 6 Chapter 4 – New or Restored Federally Recognized Tribes (4 Tribes).



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# Walk through of Historical Area Shares Table



# Tribal Consultation – Transition of Area Shares to Recurring – Effective FY 2015

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- **What** occurred and what was the effect?
  - NAO tribal shares are now recurring to the tribes. Only a Congressional act can create an adjustment to a tribe's recurring base.
  - Previously, NAO shares were calculated each year using the *proportional share methodology*. Area Shares were considered non-recurring, meaning the amounts could fluctuate upward or downward depending on each tribe's recurring base as a percentage of the total recurring base.
- **Where** did NAO engage in Tribal Consultation on this transition?
  - Self-Governance Conference, USET meetings, and in 638 negotiations.
- **When** is the effective date of this change?
  - October 1, 2014; FY 2015





# Tribal Consultation – Transition of Area Shares to Recurring – Effective FY 2015

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- The table compiled for FY 2015 negotiations (based on 2014 totals) was the last historical methodology table developed.
- Beginning in 2015 all Area Tribal Shares totals were tracked and shared within individual Tribal Fund Certification tables as part of the Recurring Base.



# Overview of Area Tribal Shares Table

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- A new table tracking totals previously outlined in the historical shares table was developed in 2020. However, individual Tribe's shares amounts remained tracked separately and provided as a component of Recurring Base Funding tables.
- In response to requests made by a few Tribes, the Nashville Area will initiate Tribal Consultation to determine if Area Tribes are in agreement with expanding the level of detail shared currently.
- The Area has confirmed that the current practice of sharing individual Tribe's shares in a comprehensive table varies across the 12 IHS Areas in Annual Negotiations.
- As a part of the Consultation, the table developed in 2020 has been expanded to include summary of individual Tribe's shares.



# Overview of Area Tribal Shares Table

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- As a part of the Consultation, the table developed in 2020 has been expanded to include summary of individual Tribe's shares.
- What's new in the table under development?
  - Now includes all 36 Nashville Area Tribal Nations, additional 11 Tribes since development of historical table
  - Table now includes tabs for each Budget Category of shares
  - Under the Recurring methodology, increases are received and distributed across both Program and Area level of funds.
    - Each Tribe's Recurring Program and Recurring Area Shares totals are displayed by budget category.
- Options to consider:
  - What level of detail do you want to see and share?
    - Including Program Level and Area Level?
    - By PSFA breakout for all Tribes?



# Next Steps

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- Nashville Area Dear Tribal Leader Letter Consultation
- Consultation feedback will inform the final table
- Virtual follow up session to walk through final table composition



