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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: Collaboration- Washington Department of Health (WA-DOH) grant proposal to build an e-learning video training series for home-visit professionals

In accordance with chapter 43.376 RCW, the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, and DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure, I am writing today to invite your collaboration on a grant proposal to build an e-learning video training series for home-visit professionals.

The risks of unhealthy indoor air are increasing due to extreme events such as heat, wildfire smoke, and flooding, as well as the development of harmful chemicals. Our grant project would create an e-learning training program on indoor air topics. It would harness the knowledge of healthy home experts in our region and the insight of communities. We intend for the main audience to be home-visit professionals, who have a direct and trusted relationship with underserved populations. We hope to improve indoor air for people across Washington and beyond. The project will be done in collaboration with the Tribal Healthy Homes Network (thhnw.org) and will build on their successful e-learning videos. Topics will likely include radon and carbon monoxide (CO) exposure prevention, asthma trigger interventions, mold and moisture prevention, and other indoor air topics.

I invite you or a representative to actively participate in our project committees or to help us identify focus groups of home-visit professionals, as this work may impact your community. Please direct your written comments or requests for additional information to Juan Gamez Briceño, Lodging, School EHS + IAQ, Legionella & CDL Section Manager at the Office of Environmental Health & Safety, at Juan.GamezBriceno@doh.wa.gov or 360-628-6620, or Candice Wilson, Executive Director Tribal Public Health & relations, at Candice. Wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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