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**I. Budget Highlights – please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

Description of Budget exceptions: No budget exceptions to report. All three of the Self Governance Analyst positions remain vacant.

**II. Program Highlights**

**1. 2017 Office of Special Trustee (OST) Self Governance Program MOUs:**

The Beneficiary Processes Program MOU has been finalized and sent to OST for signature. The Appraisal program MOU is with the Appraisal Office in Muskogee pending final review. These MOUs will be incorporated by agreement to the Nation's Multi-Year Funding Agreement. The purpose of the MOU is to detail the coordination, implementation, duties and responsibilities of each party for the Nation's operation of these programs.

**2. Waiver of 25 CFR Part 20.325(d):**

On March 14, 2016, a letter was forwarded to the Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs requesting a waiver of 25 CFR Part 20.325(d). The Nation asked to establish a maximum payment standard of \$3,500.00 per burial for burial assistance and a maximum payment level of \$1,200.00 per household for emergency assistance. By letter dated September 7, 2016, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs granted the Nation's request.

**3. Ramah Settlement:**

To update you on the Ramah Settlement – the Settlement Administrator has now completed mailing nearly all of the Claim Forms to Class members participating in the Ramah Settlement. The Nation's Claim Form has already been received, completed and returned to the Claims Administrator for processing.

**4. IHS Headquarters Tribal Shares for Information Resource Management:**

The Nation gave official Notice to the Indian Health Service of intent to compact and assume the IHS Headquarters' Tribal Shares for Information Resource Management, Information Technology, effective October 1, 2016. In all probability it will not be possible to negotiate and agree to the Tribal Share funding prior to FY-2017 but we should complete negotiations early enough in FY-17 that it would be retro to October 1, 2106.

**5. FY 2017 Cherokee Nation Self-Governance Documents:**

In accordance with the provisions set forth within the Nation's 2014 – 2018 Multi-Year Funding Agreement (MYFA), Amendment No. 6 for the FY 2017 Reprogramming Request was submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Self Governance for review and approval.