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Dear Providers Conference Participants,

Greetings! As the Acting Regional Director for BIA Alaska Region, I am pleased to welcome you to the 27th Annual Providers Conference on 28-30 November 2017. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to spend a few days with us at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in the heart of beautiful downtown Anchorage.

Very appropriately, the conference theme this year is "Embracing Change". The conference will be filled with diverse informational and training opportunities that will bring you up to date on the latest developments across all programs. There's no question that "knowledge is power" and knowledge is one of the keys to healthy and sustainable communities.

The conference committee has put together an agenda which provides an opportunity to dialogue openly with experts on a variety of topics, hear about best practices and lessons learned from tribal representatives, and meet one-on-one with BIA staff members on matters specific to your tribe. You will also have ample opportunity to network with peers and other tribal professionals as well as socialize with friends and new acquaintances.

Our highly motivated BIA team is ready to meet your needs before, during and after the conference, so please do not hesitate to ask for assistance or information. Our sole purpose is to provide whatever assistance is necessary to ensure your success in conducting tribal government activities. We value the unique partnerships and trust we enjoy with tribes and are truly dedicated to serving your needs in making the most of BIA programs in Alaska.

Again, welcome to Anchorage and have an informative, festive and safe conference.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bearquiver,
Acting Regional Director