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IN REPLY REFER TO:
SELF DETERMINATION
MC 206A

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Honorable Roger Yankton
Chairman Spirit Lake Tribe
PO Box 359
Fort Totten, North Dakota 58335

Dear Chairman Yankton:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is requesting official site visit Monday, February 27 to Friday March 2, 2012 at the Spirit Lake Tribe to review the Tribally Contracted Social Services Program.

The program review will be conducted by Michelle Deason, Regional Social Worker, Eastern Oklahoma Region; Valerie Vasquez, Supervisory Social Worker, Midwest Region and Tasha Hart, Acting Supervisory Social Worker, Great Plains Region. In addition, Yvonne LaRocque, Self Determination Officer/Senior Awarding Official, Great Plains Region will be conducting a review of the contract. We request the presence of the current Social Service Program Director and staff, and CFO Mr. Walt Hollifield. We will begin with a brief overview on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 11:30 am at Tribal Headquarters and after the review we will present our preliminary findings on Friday March 2, 2012 at 9:00 am at Tribal Headquarters.

Topics of discussion during the monitoring visit will include program administration, eligibility requirements, contract administration, contract statement of work, financial position, property and procurement and general issues including any potential problem areas. Please be prepared with updated financial printouts, current statement of work, program files and any other material as needed. All topics discussed will cover the period of October 1, 2010 to Present.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (605) 226-7426 or Tasha Hart, Acting Supervisory Social Worker at (605) 226-7351

Sincerely,

Yvonne LaRocque
Self Determination Officer

cc: Superintendent, Fort Totten Agency A05