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**Addendum No. 1 to the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**  
**For Denali Commission Primary Care Projects – FY 03**

**Opportunity to provide for dental care and/or behavioral health services – “Small” Clinics**

This Addendum No. 1 to the FY03 Primary Care NOFA announces the opportunity for dental care and/or behavioral health space beyond the previously established Commission’s “Small” clinic space guidelines.

**Background:** The Commission’s Health Steering Committee took up the question of appropriate levels of dental service and corresponding clinic space with the commissioning of a dental needs assessment in the fall of 2002. In December 2002 the Steering Committee sanctioned a Behavioral Health Subcommittee to address the question for behavioral health. At its February 19, 2003 meeting the Steering Committee recommended the provision of clinic space “modules” for the “Small” clinic space guidelines in these two areas.

**“Large” Clinic and “Repair/Renovation” programs:** These programs are unchanged by this announcement. The Steering Committee is currently considering changes to these two programs and these will be announced in later Addendums.

**“Small” Clinic program:** The process for funding “Small” clinics remains unchanged unless otherwise noted within this announcement.

In short, communities/organizations that have been approved for conceptual planning and/or design funding in FY02 must have an approved business plan and site plan checklist in order to compete for construction funding. These two referenced documents are available at the Commission’s website: [www.denali.gov](http://www.denali.gov) at the “Health Care Facilities” tab and then at the “FY03 Primary Care RFP” tab. These communities/organizations are encouraged to call their assigned technical assistance advisor for questions related to this announcement. See the website for the technical assistance advisor community/organization assignments and contact information.

The business plan will be modified shortly to account for the Steering Committee’s recommendations. The Commission’s focus as always is sustainability. A community/organization must demonstrate that the proposed clinic, no matter what size, is sustainable (facility and services) for 30 years. Furthermore, the community/organization can only increase the clinic space to add dental and behavioral health services as detailed below. The Commission will seek funding back from a community/organization that commits to including

dental and behavioral health service space, but does not follow through with this commitment by using the space for other purposes.

All communities/organizations approved for FY02 “Small” clinic construction funding that have yet to begin construction (as of 2-19-03) are eligible for this opportunity, but must now have an approved business plan and site plan checklist in order to secure any additional Commission funding.

Communities/organizations that elect to use the “Small” clinic prototype drawings will not be required to pay additional design costs if the prototype drawings do not correspond to the new space guidelines with the additional clinic space modules for dental and behavioral health services.

As before, the Commission is not accepting applications for conceptual planning projects until the backlog of 40 plus communities/organizations in the conceptual planning process are fairly well completed. An announcement will be made on our website when we are accepting conceptual planning applications.

<b>Revised “Small” Clinic Space Guidelines , effective 2-19-03</b>	<b>Year – round population</b>			
	Less than 100	100 to 500	500 to 750	Greater than 750 or serving multiple communities
	“Small – Small”	“Small – Medium”	“Small – Large”	“Large” Clinic Program
Eligible clinic square footage (SF) for Commission construction funding	1500 SF	1990 SF	2460 SF	Applicant Defined
Additional SF based upon approved business plan for dental services “module”	0	360 SF	360 SF	Applicant Defined
Additional SF based upon approved business plan for behavioral health services “module”	0	220 SF	320 SF	Applicant Defined
Eligible SF with approved “modules”	1500	2570 SF	3140 SF	

The basis for dental service space for the “Small – Medium” and the “Small – Large” follows:

- 200 SF for dental space
- 50 SF dedicated storage space for dental equipment
- 110 SF circulation & net to gross conversion factor @ 45%
- 360 SF

The basis for behavioral health services for “Small – Medium” follows:

150 SF for office space  
70 SF for circulation & net to gross conversion factor @ 45%  
220 SF

The basis for behavioral health services for “Small – Large” follows:

120 SF for office space  
100 SF for a counseling room adjacent to the office space  
100 SF for circulation & net to gross conversion factor @ 45%  
320 SF

Lastly, under consideration by the Steering Committee is a proposal to conform the Commission’s clinic population ranges and clinic space definitions to the pending national Indian Health Service clinic space criteria. Further information will be announced in subsequent Addendums.