

## VAIW Pilot Study Lead Letter

Dear NAME,

You have been selected randomly to be part of an important project. We want to learn more about the health and safety of American Indian women. Many American Indian organizations have said we don't know enough, and the United States Department of Justice agrees and is helping us to learn more. They have provided funding to RTI International, a not-for-profit research organization, to design and conduct this project.

The project includes a survey of American Indian women who live on tribal lands. The [TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NAME] has agreed to help test the process and conduct surveys. You were randomly selected from a list of [SITE] residents. The survey asks women for their opinions about safety issues, the kinds of support services available to them, their experiences with violence, and their opinions about the police, courts, prosecutors, and service providers.

We would like to tell you more about the project and who is eligible to do the survey. We will set up a time to do the survey, which takes about an hour. If you are eligible and agree to do the survey we will give you \$35 to thank you for your time.

A field interviewer will be in contact soon. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about the project or see if you are eligible to participate you may call XXX-XXX-XXXX.

We hope you will be interested in this project and will be able to help us out. It is only with the help of people like you that this important project can be successful.

Sincerely,

NIJ Director Signature

CC: Tribal Chairperson (or joint signature)