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Greetings Tribal Utility Staff:

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. is actively working on the agenda for the 10th Annual Tribal Utility Summit. This milestone event will be hosted by the Oneida Indian Nation at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, April 23-26, 2019. The USET Tribal Utility Summit is comprised of training for Tribal Operators in Drinking Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste. Contact hours (CEU's) are provided in various topics to allow Tribal Operators to meet their CEU requirement for their respective Operators Certification/License. Many vendors are in attendance to showcase the newest products and services available to you. We encourage you to attend!

This year we have begun to work more in-depth with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA). In the past, ITCA has attended the TUS, but this year they will be offering training sessions. Also, this is the first year we have opened our registration to **all Tribal Utilities in Indian Country**.

To make this occasion unlike any other, we are encouraging more Tribal participation on the agenda. We understand the anxiety and concern in speaking to large crowds but believe that your knowledge is extremely valuable to the success of others in Indian Country. Operators like to talk about what they do and learn from others' experience; this is the scene we want to embrace, learning from each other, sharing of best practices, understanding what is and what is not working. This is an opportunity for you to share your wisdom and create a stronger future workforce. All ideas are welcome and USET will work with anything you send our way. Some interesting topics might include; chlorine residuals, pump rehab, inventory control, and purchasing guidance. This Tribal Utility Summit is for you, the staff, workers, operators, those behind the scenes, in the mix of all the inner workings of these services we provide to our communities.

The deadline to send in agenda topics is January 11, 2019. Registration and hotel reservations information will be sent out in January.

In closing, we want to inform you that USET and ITCA are looking to bring the 11th Annual Tribal Utility Summit to a nationwide setting. This will be a joint effort and we will be looking at venues that would accommodate everyone. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. In the tradition of Tribal Nations working with Tribal Nations we feel we can all benefit from this meeting and learning from each other.

Sincerely,

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