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USET Resolution No. 2014:008

ESTABLISHING A WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MINNESOTA AMERICAN INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ESTABLISH AN AMERICAN INDIAN PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER TO SERVE THE USET REGION

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-six (26) federally recognized Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member Tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member Tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce (MAICC) works to promote, advocate, and create economic prosperity on behalf of American Indian businesses, organizations, professionals, and Tribal enterprises in a global market; and
- WHEREAS,** MAICC works to provide contracting with American Indian businesses with state and federal agencies, private companies, and with other American Indian businesses promoting a Buy Indian Network; and
- WHEREAS,** MAICC goals and objectives include providing technical assistance, promoting business diversity, and marketing for Indian Country Businesses for markets in the southeast and eastern United States (U.S.), the USET Region; and
- WHEREAS** MAICC is seeking \$600,000.00 from the United States (U.S.) Department of Defense (DOD) Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) fund to establish an American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), which will connect federal contracts with American Indian owned businesses, securing needed revenue for Tribal economies; and
- WHEREAS,** DOD-DLA funds will require a \$200,000.00 match of in-kind or cash contributions, some of which has been obtained from foundations and other organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** attendees at the spring 2013 USET Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Summit in Nashville agreed there are opportunities for American Indian businesses and Tribal enterprises to flourish if supported with the appropriate resources, training, and technical assistance for gaining contract business; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has established goals and objectives to develop resources which will assist its membership with gaining technical assistance, support services, marketing, and promoting Native business to business and buy American Indian initiatives to establish robust economies; and
- WHEREAS,** USET wishes to establish a working partnership with MAICC in order to establish resources which will enable its Tribal membership to seize opportunities to build their local economies; and

WHEREAS, in December 2010, the U.S. recognized the rights of its First Peoples through its support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), whose provisions and principles support and promote the purposes of this resolution; therefore, be it

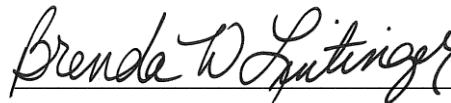
RESOLVED the USET Board of Directors authorizes the USET Executive Director to develop and execute the appropriate memorandum of agreement establishing a working partnership with the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce in order to develop resources that will help USET member Tribe businesses advance through the uses of technical assistance, mentoring, marketing, and support provided through the establishment of an American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center; and, be it further

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on Thursday, October 31, 2013.



Brian Patterson, President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Brenda Lintinger, Secretary
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“Because there is strength in Unity”