

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC

RESOLUTION NO. 93-16NC


P.L. 93-638 CONTRACTS

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of twenty (20) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member Tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS, USET is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health care status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and
- WHEREAS, USET member tribes have expressed concern regarding P.L. 93-638 contract reporting requirements of tribal expenditures by funding sources, (i.e., sub-sub activity (SSA), Hospitals and Clinics, Dental, Mental Health, Alcohol, etc.); and
- WHEREAS, USET currently utilizes a comprehensive type of P.L. 93-638 contract which employs a single effort scope of work and reporting process; and
- WHEREAS, under our current comprehensive approach USET has 23 separate P.L. 93-638 contracts that are negotiated on an annual basis which would increase to 176 annual contracts if IHS imposes the single effort approach of reporting by each sub-sub activity, creating an additional, more complex reporting burden on the USET tribes; and
- WHEREAS, a more logical and feasible approach would be to have the Appropriations Sub-Committee create a specific budget line item activity called "P.L. 93-638 Contracts" which will allow IHS to rebudget funds from various IHS SSA, and also allow IHS to move all of the various funding sources into a single funding source which will enable the USET tribes more flexibility in the operation of their programs in accordance with the P.L. 93-638 amendments; and
- WHEREAS, the Appropriation Committee has recently created an IHS budget line item identified as "Contract Support Costs" which includes Indirect Cost support, which has proven to be more equitable for P.L. 93-638 contract tribes; and
- WHEREAS, USET member Tribes are interested in creating a more equitable way of funds distribution in the IHS Resource Allocation Distribution for P.L. 93-638 Contracts, which maintains simplification in accordance with the original intent of Self-Determination contracting amendments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board strongly opposes the proposed -sub activity budgeting and reporting methodology and strongly recommends the establishment of an IHS budget line item called "P.L. 93-638 Contracts" which preserves the comprehensive health care approach to funding Tribal Health Programs in accordance with Tribal Self-Determination and P.L. 93-638.

**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Cherokee, NC, on May 15, 1993.



Eddie L. Tullis, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Keller George, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.