



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 97:54

EXCELLENCE IN TRIBAL HOUSING

- WHEREAS,** the United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-three (23) 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 is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee that is developing regulations to implement the provisions of the Native America Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) could not reach a consensus on the issue of linking a tribe's performance to the amount of its block grant allocation; and
- WHEREAS,** this issue, linking funding to performance, is a non-consensus item that will be included as such for public comment when the proposed rule is published; and
- WHEREAS,** linking performance to funding is a basic principle of good business and will assure that the maximum number of families receive housing; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of tribal governments to take steps to assure that the maximum number of families receive houses, that housing programs are run efficiently, and that federal funding provided for housing is not mismanaged, abused, or otherwise jeopardized by inefficiently run programs; and
- WHEREAS,** an opportunity exists for tribal governments to insist on and provide for excellence within our varied tribal housing programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., does hereby recommend, in the strongest sense possible, that tribal representatives to the NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) implement a performance variable in the block grant allocation formula that accommodates the following criteria:
- 1) Each tribe develops its own objectives that it will meet using NAHASDA funds; and
 - 2) Each tribe monitors its performance and self-reports whether or not it met its objectives; and
 - 3) Opportunity will be provided throughout the year for a tribe to change its' objectives if events occur beyond the control of the tribe that could cause it to not meet an objective; and
 - 4) A tribe will have to miss several objectives before any reduction in funding occurs; and
 - 5) A tribe that is not performing will automatically receive technical assistance funding and other assistance from HUD to correct its problems from funds separate from program funds; and




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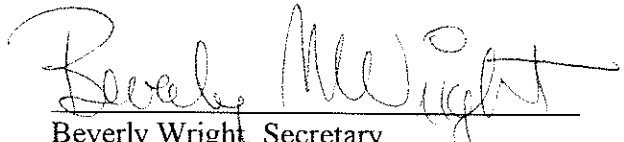
- 6) A nonperforming tribe will see a reduction in its following year's funding until it completes the objectives it set for the prior year; and
- 7) Funds deducted from the block grant allocation of a nonperforming tribe will be allocated among all tribes that are performing; and
- 8) HUD's role in NAHASDA will be to audit the information submitted by the tribes and will only take action in the event the information is incorrect.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly approved at the USET Semi-Annual meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, Louisiana on Wednesday, May 21, 1997.



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



Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.