



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2005:061

SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH AN INDIAN SPECIFIC FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION AND REVIEW SYSTEM TO REPLACE THE CURRENT GRANTS.GOV PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) 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 needs and issues affecting the USET member Tribes are as vast and diverse as the geographic locations that the Tribes occupy; and
- WHEREAS,** the potential exists that the federal government may require all federal assistance available to Indian Tribes must be accessed through a centralized data management system; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal government has established grants.gov as the means of maintaining data on all grantees and accepting certain competitive federal assistance applications for funding consideration; and
- WHEREAS,** the federal government developed and implemented requirements related to grants.gov and electronic submission of federal grant applications without consultation and negotiation with Indian Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** USET member Tribes have encountered numerous and serious issues and obstacles in their attempts to register with grants.gov, to obtain accurate DUNS numbers from Dun and Bradstreet, and to submit grants electronically through the grants.gov website; and
- WHEREAS,** customer support provided by grants.gov to Indian Tribes is entirely inadequate and demonstrates a complete lack of knowledge of Tribal specific issues and concerns including, but not limited to, Tribal Sovereignty and Indian Self-Determination; and
- WHEREAS,** the grants.gov system is riddled with existing and potential regulations and issues that circumvent Tribal sovereignty and Indian Self-Determination, which inhibit the ability of Tribes to participate successfully in the federal grant process; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors desires that Indian Tribes shall no longer be required to utilize the grants.gov system in order to apply for and receive federal grant funding; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the Board of Directors of USET does hereby requests that a separate Indian grant review and approval process be established and implemented by each Indian office in the respective and appropriate federal agency; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that all federal funding available to Indian Tribes be set aside and distributed and administered solely by those Indian Offices authorized by each federal agency.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Mashantucket, CT on Thursday, June 30, 2005.

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

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

“Because there is strength in Unity”