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RESOLUTION 2006:005
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USET Resolution No. 2006:005

TRIBAL INDIAN PREFERENCE POLICIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 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,** one of USET's objectives is to promote greater economic development among its members and Indian Country in general; and
- WHEREAS,** such economic development is important for the diversification of tribal economies and the current and future well-being of American Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** Indian Tribes have long-standing traditions of engaging in trade amongst themselves and wish to strengthen their economic and commercial ties; and
- WHEREAS,** many USET members have Indian preference policies in place for procurement purposes for their governments and tribally-owned enterprises in order to promote the development of American Indian businesses and enterprises; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors urges all members of USET to adopt an Indian preference policy for procurement purposes for their government and tribal enterprises, or to review and strengthen any such existing policies, and to abide by these policies when contracting for goods and services; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors will utilize best efforts to promote American Indian businesses and enterprises by devoting resources and a portion of the website for the creation of a database of businesses owned and operated by the USET member Tribes, their individual members, and other Indian Tribes; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors calls upon each member Tribe to appoint a tribal liaison to work with USET in establishing a database of American Indian businesses.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting & EXPO, at which a quorum was present in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

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

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