



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2008:006

APPROVAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY EXCHANGE NETWORK PROGRAM

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-five (25) 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 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued the Fiscal Year 2008 Environmental Exchange Network Grant Program Solicitation Notice (EPA Solicitation), with an application deadline of November 19, 2007; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Natural Resources Committee has identified the need for developing a mechanism whereby Tribal data may be submitted to the EPA in a manner that reduces the resource burden on individual Tribal Governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Natural Resources Committee has discussed the EPA Solicitation as it relates to the identified data submission need, and has recommended that USET submit an application in response to the EPA Solicitation in the amount of \$300,000 for a two-year performance period to assist member Tribes who wish to participate in submitting environmental data to the EPA; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Natural Resources Committee will work closely with USET staff to provide guidance and assistance in the grant application process; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors grants authority to the USET Executive Director, in consultation with the USET Natural Resources Committee, to develop and submit an Environmental Exchange Network application to the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$300,000 for a two-year performance period.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Marksville, LA, on Thursday, October 18, 2007.

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

Cheryl Downing, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.