



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2008:012

### NATIONAL BUSINESS CENTER CONSULTATION

- 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 National Business Center (NBC) has made a recent change in policy that prohibits the payment of salaries and other expenses of Tribal Councils in indirect cost (IDC) pools; and
- WHEREAS,** NBC, which is established under the Department of Interior (DOI), did not consult with Tribal Governments regarding this policy change as mandated by Executive Orders; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Section 106(k) clearly identifies the "expenses of a governing body of a Tribal organization that are attributable to the management of programs" are allowable indirect costs; and
- WHEREAS,** NBC's recent policy change threatens Tribal ability to develop and maintain strong and stable governments which directly affects the operational integrity of programs subject to IDC rates; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors opposes the National Business Center's policy change and requests that the Center hold consultation meetings with Tribal Governments prior to any future changes in this policy.

### 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.