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USET Resolution No. 2011:020

TRIBAL ENERGY AUDITOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FEASIBILITY AND PILOT 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,** commercial and residential buildings consume 71% of all electricity use, 49% of which is wasted; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires certified energy auditors and contractors to perform their weatherization retrofits and upgrades as a prerequisite to utilizing federal funding; and
- WHEREAS,** certification required by States infringes on Tribal sovereignty, is not uniform, and is a barrier to Tribal participation in weatherization programs, and
- WHEREAS,** the Environmental Protection Agency has established a Tribal drinking water certification program that acknowledges Tribal expertise, respects Tribal sovereignty, and could be used as a model for a Tribal energy auditor and retrofit certification program; and
- WHEREAS,** green jobs in energy efficiency weatherization and retrofitting is a rapidly growing profession with much potential for our Tribal workforce and provide a solution to address high unemployment rates; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Energy is working on federal standards for weatherization auditor and retrofitting job classifications, skill set needs, and certification programs; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Administration and its Departments to work with USET Tribes to develop a Tribal Energy Auditor Certification feasibility and pilot program and to include Tribal interests in developing federal standards for weatherization auditor and retrofitting job classifications, skill set needs, and certification programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Verona, NY, on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

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

Robert McGhee, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.