

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. B-90-293

BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR USET, INC. TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT IHS/NAO FUNCTIONS

- WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an inter-tribal organization comprised of eighteen (18) federally-recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET, Inc. Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors is comprised of delegates from the member tribes leadership; and
- WHEREAS, USET is firmly committed to the goal of advancing the health care status of Indian people to the highest level possible; and
- WHEREAS, the provisions of P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975; and those of P.L. 100-472, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments of 1988, clearly state that the policy of the federal government is to encourage, support, and assist Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations in the planning and implementation of programs for their benefit through the contracting of these programs with relevant federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the provisions of P.L. 100-472 further state that "the Secretary is directed, upon the request of any Indian tribe, by tribal resolution, to enter into a self-determination, and to contract with a tribal organization, to plan, conduct, and administer programs or portions thereof...;" and
- WHEREAS, the programs of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Public Health Service (PHS), and the Indian Health Service (IHS) are included under the provisions of P.L. 100-472; and
- WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service (IHS) currently operates an Area Office in Nashville, Tennessee for the purpose of planning, conducting, and implementing health care service programs for the federally-recognized tribes in that region, including all of the member USET tribes; and
- WHEREAS, it is the legal right and privilege, granted under P.L. 93-638 and P.L. 100-472, that the tribes served by the Nashville Area Office of Indian Health Service may choose to contract to provide the functions and programs, and portions thereof, that are currently being provided by the staff of this Area Office; and

WHEREAS, in choosing to so contract for these functions and programs, these tribes may designate a tribal organization to perform such functions and conduct such programs on their behalf; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USET Board directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit to the Indian Health Service, a proposal to contract the following functions:

- * Program Planning
- * Statistical Analysis
- * Program Analysis
- * Contract Health Services Administration
- * Alternative Resources Administration and Technical Assistance
- * Administration of the IHS Scholarship Program
- * Administration and provisions of the Technical Assistance to tribes on self-determination and related authorities
- * Administration and provisions of Technical Assistance to newly recognized tribes and newly entering the Indian Health Service (IHS) system
- * Tribal Liaison activities

All of the aforementioned functions are currently being provided by the Indian Health Service/Nashville Area Office.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Nashville, Tennessee; on August 14, 1990.



Joel M. Frank, Sr., President
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.



Terry D. Martin, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.