



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

Resolution No. USET 2000:20

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A HUD TRIBAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

WHEREAS, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-three (23) 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, Consultation is required by the United States' trust responsibility to Indian tribes, the government-to-government relationship, the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), and Executive Order 13084; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has requested input from the Tribal leaders as to how the Tribes/TDHEs and HUD will work together under HUD's new consultation policy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors endorses the following HUD Tribal Consultation Process:


- A standing Consultation Committee will be established, with a total of 58 voting members, 10 of whom will be HUD representatives, and 48 of whom will be tribal representatives (plus alternates) to serve as a negotiated rulemaking committee for HUD regulation or policy changes, including internal policy changes that impact Tribes.
- The committee will meet quarterly to discuss issues presented either by HUD or the Tribes.
- The committee will be made up of delegates from a diverse cross-section of Tribes, selected by a democratic process by USET and other regional and national intertribal groups. The delegates should be committed to housing issues and will be responsible for obtaining input from, and reporting back to, the Tribes in their regions.
- The committee charter and other procedural matters will be drawn from the Federal Advisory Committee Act, even if that Act does not literally apply to this process. The committee will operate as much as possible on a consensus basis.
- HUD will provide adequate funding (from technical assistance and training set-aside funds) for facilitators, meeting space, and assistance with travel for delegates. HUD will provide administrative support to the committee and will detail agency employees as needed to the full extent allowed by law.
- All Tribes and TDHEs will be permitted to attend committee meetings and comment on issues under negotiation. No major policy change will be implemented before all Tribes and TDHEs are provided notice and an opportunity to comment.
- The meeting locations will rotate on a regional basis, and at least two meetings each year will be located in Indian Country.

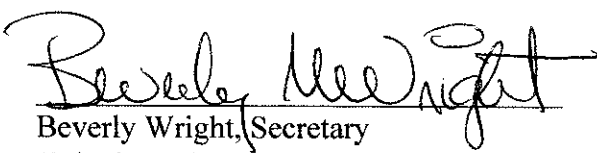
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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board of Directors Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Verona, NY Thursday, October 28, 1999.


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


Beverly Wright, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.