



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2001: 029

EPA REGION IV TRIBAL PRIORITY FOR DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION SET ASIDE FUNDS

- WHEREAS**, United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IV has Drinking Water Construction Set Aside funds available to Tribes for Drinking Water Construction Projects; and
- WHEREAS**, EPA has used the Indian Health Service (I.H.S) Sanitary Deficiency System (SDS) to score these projects to determine which Tribes are eligible to receive these funds in Region IV; and
- WHEREAS**, the Region IV Tribes will determine the priority in which the Tribes will receive the funding; and
- WHEREAS**, the Region IV Tribes have determined the criteria to be used to receive these funds are as follows: (1) the selected Tribe must have a valid Project as determined by the SDS List, (2) if the Tribe does not have a valid project then the funds will go to the next succeeding Tribe, (3) the selected Tribe will receive all of the funding for that fiscal year, and (4) if there are any funds which cannot be used on valid projects then those funds will go to the next succeeding Tribe; and
- WHEREAS**, the six Tribes in Region IV determined a method which is fair and equitable to all the Tribes in the Region; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors supports the six Tribes in EPA Region IV and insists that EPA Region IV accept the tribally developed method to determine the criteria for receiving the funds, as stated above; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors also insists that EPA accepts the Region IV Tribes priority list.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Arlington, VA on Thursday, February 1, 2001.

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

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