



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:003

AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING THE OPERATION OF A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MICHIGAN TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TTAP) WHICH WILL SERVE THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF USET TRIBES

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of 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,** transportation issues have become extremely important to the USET Tribes over the past several years in their efforts to gain valuable and needed infrastructure and increase the economic development opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Transportation Committee has been working with the Michigan TTAP in order to obtain needed training and technical assistance for USET Tribal Transportation Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Transportation Committee is pleased with the continuing efforts of the Michigan TTAP staff to provide the needed training and technical assistance to the USET Tribes, but is concerned that the distance and expanse of the Eastern Region hinders the ability of the Michigan TTAP to quickly respond to the needs of the USET Tribes in a timely manner; and
- WHEREAS,** the USET Transportation Committee feels that the operation of a satellite TTAP office to serve the needs of the USET Tribes would positively impact the continuing efforts to improve the conditions of transportation programs in the Eastern Region; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Transportation Committee requests authorization from the USET Board of Directors to pursue a Feasibility Study to determine the cost effectiveness and the ability of USET to operate a satellite TTAP office located in the Eastern Region, and that the USET Transportation Committee and staff continue to work with the Michigan TTAP in developing more efficient ways of addressing USET concerns, and; be it further
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors instructs the USET Executive Director to proceed with a feasibility study of a satellite TTAP office (including budget and funding of the office, time and staff requirements, training and technical assistance needs of tribes, etc.) and to report those results back to the USET Transportation Committee and the USET Board of Directors for further consideration and discussion.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Board Meeting and EXPO, at which a quorum was present in Uncasville, CT, Thursday, October 31, 2002.

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

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

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