



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2006:041


RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DRAFT BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NATIONAL POLICY MEMORANDUM ON CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

- 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,** the needs and issues affecting the USET member Tribes are as vast and diverse as the geographic locations that the Tribes occupy; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Policy Memorandum on Contract Support Costs, has been developed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and
- WHEREAS,** the Direct Contract Support Workgroup (Workgroup) strongly encourages the BIA to utilize existing BIA awarding officials in the negotiation of "direct contract support costs" instead of the proposal to utilize the National Business Center, and
- WHEREAS,** the Workgroup strongly encourages the BIA to adopt a similar approach used by the Indian Health Service, utilizing a formula that essentially represents 15% of direct salaries in the initial year then allowing tribes to renegotiate their "direct contract support costs" amounts in subsequent years, and
- WHEREAS,** as strongly encouraged by the Workgroup the CSC Policy should include guidelines on the eligibility of costs as "direct contract support costs", known as "Standards For Review and Approval of Contract Support Costs"; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs include these recommendations in the National Policy Memorandum on Contract Support Costs; therefore, be it further
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors applauds the Bureau of Indian Affairs for taking positive steps toward proposing a policy that recognizes contract support costs associated with Tribal Self-Determination programs.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Impact Week, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, February 9, 2006.


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


Eddie L. Tullis, Secretary
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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