



UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.


USET Resolution No. 2007:002


REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINE FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT STRATEGIC PLAN, FY 2007-2012 WITH SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATION

- 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,** USET member Tribes have made numerous requests to have input into the development of the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) program measures used to determine the effectiveness of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Tribal programs; and
- WHEREAS,** USET has requested, through resolution, on several occasions, that the BIA and the Department of the Interior (DOI) conduct proper and meaningful government-to-government consultation on changes to national policy affecting Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the current DOI Strategic Plan was developed without sufficient and meaningful consultation with Tribes; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** the USET Board of Directors urges the Department of the Interior to immediately initiate meaningful government-to-government consultation with USET member Tribes to establish a mechanism for Tribal input into the strategic planning process, both interim planning under the FY2007-2012 Strategic Plan and future strategic plans, and that the initial comment period be extended to allow for a sufficient consultation and comment period.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Annual Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Choctaw, MS, on Thursday, October 12, 2006.


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


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

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