

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION'S GRANT APPLICATION ENTITLED "CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CAPACITY AND CAPABILITIES" FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFERED THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- WHEREAS, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a federally recognized tribe of American Indians with constitutional authority authorized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967); and
- WHEREAS, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the largest of the Potawatomi Indian Tribes, has, through a history of organized self-government since time immemorial, sovereign powers inherent in Tribal tradition and recognized by treaties with the United States and in the United States Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Constitution and By-Laws provide that according to Article 7, Section 2, "Subject to any limitations in this Constitution, and except for those powers expressly reserved to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Council by this Constitution, or delegated to another entity by this Constitution, the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is empowered to enact legislation, transact business, and otherwise speak and act on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in all matters on which the Nation is empowered to act now or in the future," except those relating to trust fund expenditures, trust land indebtedness and claims or treaties with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, there exists a continued need to develop the Tribal Environmental Office, including development of GIS/GPS capabilities, upgrading the quality management plan, developing a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for environmental baseline study and a QAPP for GPS, continued development of environmental codes and regulations to promote efforts for protecting Tribal lands, water and air, and performing baseline studies; and

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WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency awards funding for building program capacity and capabilities up to a maximum of \$110,000 as provided by the General Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Programs outlined above will strengthen the Tribe's ability to develop capabilities, update quality management plans, develop quality assurance project plans for environmental baseline studies, continue development of environmental codes and regulations and perform environmental baseline studies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee hereby authorizes and fully supports the entire application submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency under the Fiscal Year 2002 General Assistance Program for the continued development of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Tribal Environmental Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by act of this resolution, the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$110,000 from General Assistance Program FY 2002, if funded, for the negotiation, operation, enforcement, procurement, settlement, and or completion of this contract or agreement by the Tribal Chairman or his designate.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned members of the Business Committee of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of Resolution #POTT 03-01, as approved on the 1st day of July, 2002 with \(\frac{4}{2}\) voting for, and \(\frac{0}{2}\) voting opposed, and / absent or abstaining.

John A. Barrett, Jr.

Chairman

D. Wayne Trousdale

Secretary/Treasurer