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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that was created in 1963 to provide for social service programs and to provide support to the 27 Nevada Tribal Reservations and Colonies in the State of Nevada. ITCN also offers member tribes the opportunity for unity and cooperation among the tribal governments for protection of their treaty and sovereign rights. ITCN uses this tribal unity to educate the United States Congressional members, State of Nevada officials, county and city elected officials of policy issues, which face the 27 Nevada Tribal jurisdictions in a unified voice.

Recently, tribal programs have expanded to include alternative energy planning and deployment, including responding to proposals from private energy developers relative to potential project opportunities on Tribal land. But many tribes do not have dedicated personnel or organizational experience to handle these programs.

By becoming more informed on renewable energy issues, the Tribes' have recognized a need to become more proactive regarding decisions on projects affecting their tribal lands. In some situations this has led to misunderstandings regarding the approval processes required for these projects. Communication with tribes on energy projects has not been as coordinated as it could be, especially where highly technical information and analysis is involved.

There is a unique opportunity for ITCN to provide information and support for Nevada tribes in the renewable energy and energy efficiency arena. Seeing this, on July 23, 2009 the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) Executive Board unanimously voted to support the creation of a subcommittee, which eventually became the Nevada Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium (Consortium.) The Consortium meetings are held on a monthly basis.

The formation of the Nevada Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium (NITEC) directly benefits the 27 Nevada tribes by supporting networking, information sharing, and collaborative planning for a variety of energy

related programs and development projects. This networking includes information sharing related to tribal economic development projects, training, employment opportunities, and technical assistance related to energy project development. With additional staffing, expertise, and funding support, the Consortium could also function as a potential single point of contact to develop, assemble and communicate project opportunities to the greater energy project industry, as well as provide a clearing house for energy related information, resources, and best practices. A potential long term goal for the Consortium is to facilitate evaluation, development and/or enhancement of one or more regional or statewide tribal energy utilities, cooperatives, energy offices, ESCO, committee, collaborative, consortium or other organizational unit which would generate energy project opportunities and connect energy projects to the energy grid. The main purpose of the agreement would be to focus on furthering the achievement and implementation of common goals and strategic energy plans of Nevada member tribes.

Additionally, the proposal will focus on collaborative tribal capacity building within Nevada tribal members relative to common goals and strategic plan elements, to include training, workshops, meetings, conferences, outreach material development, and internship/ on-the-job training opportunities intended to enhance capacity of Nevada tribes at the State level. Nevada tribes generally have a common goal of enabling members to access sufficient (and to a greater extent self-sufficient) energy and appropriate employment and economic opportunities.

It is important to the Nevada Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium to receive an allocation of funding to continue the Consortium efforts due to the nature of the energy work. The continuation, expansion, and development of an increasingly more professional and technical Consortium benefits the member tribes within the State of Nevada, as well as, assisting to develop projects of regional, national and global importance towards sustainability goals.

The Department of Energy (DOE) currently has a funding opportunity to submit proposals titled for "FIRST STEPS TOWARD DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ON TRIBAL LANDS". The request for proposals states that applications from consortiums must be submitted by a single Tribe representing the Consortium. Actively participating Consortium members consensually concur that it would be in the best interests of the Consortium and it's

member Tribes to submit an application for energy organization development and enhancement, and tribal capacity building with a goal of developing a self sustaining structure for continuance of the operation beyond the funding period.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada has selected and requests the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California to administer the agreement with DOE if awarded on behalf of the NITEC. The Washoe Tribe has not only been instrumental in developing and programming energy projects, but has been instrumental in the early stages of the NITEC it also possesses the administrative capability that has shown the most beneficial to the overall program cost efficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daryl Crawford', written in a cursive style.

Daryl Crawford,
Executive Director