33rd NATIONAL INDIAN & NATIVE AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONFERENCE Marksville, Louisiana April 26, 2012

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012 - 01

Distribution of PY 2011 "1 Percent" Technical Assistance and Training Funds

We, the Indian and Native American Grantees of the National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference (NINAETC) attending the 33rd Annual Conference in Marksville, Louisiana in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and the several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Native people, to preserve Indian and Native cultural values, and otherwise promote the welfare of the Indian and Native people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the NINAETC are the representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, the NINAETC is a national organization comprised of American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of NINAETC; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Labor (USDOL) has chosen, in accordance with Workforce Investment Act law and regulations, to withhold 1% of the PY 2011 WIA Section 166 funding allocation, for the purpose of funding grantee training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, in August 2011, the USDOL issued to its current WIA Section 166 technical assistance grantee, TAT Modification 15 extending the period of performance of the existing plan of technical assistance and training tasks and activities through June 2012; and

WHEREAS, the USDOL Native American Employment and Training Council, at its March and October 2011 meetings in Washington, DC, reviewed, revised and approved the Scope of Work tasks and related budget for the PY 2011 technical assistance and training funds acquired from the "1%" withholding; and

WHEREAS, the approved Technical Assistance and Training Grant Modification tasks and activities to date have expended \$194,160.00 under this extended period of performance and remains due to the training and technical assistance grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 33rd National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference requests that the U.S. Department of Labor honor its fiduciary and financial obligation to the technical assistance and training grantee, and allocate to the WIA Section 166 and PL 102-477 grantees the remaining technical assistance and training funds withheld as part of the 1% funding for WIA Section 166 technical assistance and training no later than May 18, 2012, **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the U.S. Department of Labor choose to not reimburse the current training and technical assistance contractor for funds expended, funds should be added to the remaining balance of funds to be allocated to the grantee community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Native American Employment and Training Council be urged to support the Grantees and to advise the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor of the Grantees' position on this issue.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 33rd National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference, held in Marksville, Louisiana, on April 26, 2012 with a quorum present.

Roselyn Shirley Chairperson, 2012 NINAETC

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Secretary, 2012 NINAETC