

THE BLACKFEET TRIBE

OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

BROWNING, MONTANA 59417

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R E S O L U T I O N

NUMBER: 98-76

- WHEREAS: The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is desirous of utilizing Indian Preference in training and employment under all contracts or grants in accordance with Section 7 (b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; and
- WHEREAS: Any contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant pursuant to this Act, the Act of April 16, 1934 (48 Stat. 596), as amended, or any other Act authorizing Federal contracts with or grants to Indian organizations or for the benefit of Indians, shall require that to the greatest extent feasible--
- (1) preferences and opportunities for training and employment in connection with the administration of such contracts or grants shall be given to Blackfeet Indians; and
 - (2) preference in the award of subcontracts and subgrants in connection with the administration of all such contracts or grants shall be given to Indian organizations to Indian-owned economic enterprises as defined in Section 3 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 77); and
- WHEREAS: For self-determination to be optimally effective, tribe must have economic self-sufficiency, which requires a substantial reduction in high unemployment rates that now prevail on most reservations. For example, effective enforcement would mean employment of Indians on all federally funded construction projects on or near reservations, as well as on procurement and service contracts; and
- WHEREAS: In the past, the lack of consistent Federal policy of requiring all contractor to give hiring preference to Blackfeet Indians has resulted in a situation wherein contractors usually bring their own crews to project sites and hire few Indians from the local community. Given the vast amount of construction and procurement contracting being planned for reservations, effective enforcement will insure that Blackfeet Indians receive the many job opportunities that otherwise will likely go to non-Indians; and
- WHEREAS: In a construction contract, before a contract even begins an agreement obligating the contractor to hire a fixed percentage of local Blackfeet Indians--95%. Moreover, all construction contracts or any contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant shall be stated; and

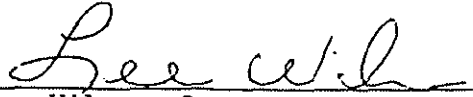
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Blackfeet Constitution make it clear that we have the right to require Indian Preference by contractors which the tribe hires, or to require an employer to give Indian Preference as a condition to giving that employer a license to do business on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. This Tribal authority may be used to cover non-Federal contractors as well as Federal ones. Federal Agency officials who are responsible for handling Indian Preference guidelines are the same ones who handle all other contract compliance efforts and are already overworked. Therefore, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council shall be involved in the Federal effort to provide supplementary resource to those of the Federal agencies, and to enforce contract compliance on all contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants, or wherever it is applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Secretary of the Council is authorized and directed to prepare and present such certificates evidencing the foregoing Resolution and their current force and effect to all persons seeking to rely thereupon.



Earl OldPerson, Chairman
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council


ATTEST:



Lee Wilson, Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, hereby certify the foregoing Resolution No. 98-76 was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in a duly called, noticed, and convened Special Session assembled the 30th day of March, 1977 with six (6) members present to constitute a quorum.



Lee Wilson, Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council