

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics**

and

**First Nations Tax Commission**

and

**American Indian Infrastructure Association**

*Whereas the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics (Tulo Centre) is a national indigenous institution dedicated to providing accredited training, research and systems to build the legal, administrative and infrastructure necessary for indigenous economic growth;*

*Whereas the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) is a national indigenous institution that helps First Nations implement their tax jurisdiction to support improved services and infrastructure;*

*Whereas the American Indian Infrastructure Association (AIIA) advocates for efficient infrastructure on tribal lands to support economic growth;*

*Whereas the Tulo Centre, FNTC and AIIA (the parties) support renewing indigenous economic institutions as a strategy to facilitate investment and economic growth on indigenous lands.*

*Therefore the parties agree to:*

1. Support each other to advance indigenous institutional innovations that facilitate investment and economic growth on indigenous lands in Canada and the United States;
2. Support each other to build the legal, fiscal, infrastructure and administrative capacity to implement indigenous institutional innovations;
3. Work together to secure financial resources to support indigenous institutional innovations and capacity development in Canada and the United States;
4. Meet periodically to identify opportunities to implement this MOU and to identify other opportunities for cooperation.

*Unless the parties otherwise agree, each party will be responsible for the costs of their participation in agreed upon joint work or activity.*

*This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) does not create any new legal powers or alter in any way the jurisdiction, powers or duties of the parties. This MOU can be amended with the agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party on six months written notice to the other party.*

*The MOU comes into effect upon the date of the duly authorized execution of the agreement by the Chair of the Tulo Centre, the Chief Commissioner of the First Nations Tax Commission and the President of the American Indian Infrastructure Association.*

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.



**Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics**



**First Nations Tax Commission**  
Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations



**American Indian Infrastructure Association**

Michael Lebourdais, Board Chair  
Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

Clarence T. (Manny) Jules, Chief Commissioner  
First Nations Tax Commission

Daniel Cardenas Jr., CEO and President  
American Indian Infrastructure Association