

# Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

**Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics**

AND

**Consensus Building Institute**

AND

**The M.I.T.-Harvard Public Disputes Program**

*Whereas the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics is dedicated to building capacity in the areas of economic development and investment facilitation on indigenous lands through training, education and research; and*

*Whereas the Consensus Building Institute works to promote the fair, efficient and stable resolution of disputes through mediation, training and evaluation; and*

*Whereas the M.I.T.-Harvard Public Disputes Program works to advance the knowledge of dispute resolution in the public sector; and*

*Whereas the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics, Thompson Rivers University, Consensus Building Institute and M.I.T.-Harvard Public Disputes Program wish to further foster and encourage an effective working relationship among the respective organizations to increase the understanding of indigenous peoples' fiscal, economic and public policy issues:*


*Therefore the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics, Consensus Building Institute and M.I.T.-Harvard Public Disputes Program shall:*

- 1. Create together effective, innovative, interactive curriculum on such matters as negotiation, dispute resolution, consensus building, and partnering pertaining to public administration.*
- 2. Commit resources to develop projects of mutual interest regarding such issues as rights of way, facility and utility infrastructure siting, and other matters that have a direct effect on indigenous peoples' economic future.*
- 3. Undertake joint research on key areas of mutual interest to advance understanding for indigenous peoples' development, refine and improve curriculum, share knowledge broadly, and create opportunities for direct engagement in projects and efforts that address indigenous peoples' economic development.*
- 4. Build capacity among indigenous peoples through mentoring, internships, and co-teaching, and other means.*
- 5. Convene at least once a year to review the previous year's efforts, identify future opportunities, and set mutual goals for the partnership in the coming year.*

*This memorandum can be amended with the agreement of all parties.*

**IN WITNESS THEREOF** the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.



  
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Chief Michael LeBourdais, Board Chair  
Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

  
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