



*Memorandum of Understanding*  
*between the*  
*Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics*  
*and the*  
*Thompson Rivers University*



*Whereas the Tulo Center of Indigenous Economics is a Canadian not-for-profit corporation created with the objective of providing training and research that supports investment facilitation on First Nation and indigenous lands to First Nations, professionals and others; and*

*Whereas the First Nation Tax Commission (FNTC) has contracted with the Tulo Center of Indigenous Economics to provide certified training to tax administrators and support to users of the tax administration software in support of the FNTC's mandate under the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act to provide certified training in First Nation tax administration, support First Nation tax administration capacity development and promote First Nation economic growth; and*

*Whereas Thompson Rivers University is located in Kamloops and was created by British Columbia's University Act in 2005; and*

*Whereas Thompson Rivers University has an excellent reputation for developing flexible and successful training partnerships with other organizations; and*

*Whereas Thompson Rivers University has experience in delivering academic and technical programs in a variety of formats; and*

*Whereas Thompson Rivers University has a strategic goal of being the University of Choice for First Nations students; and*

*Whereas the Tulo Center of Indigenous Economics and Thompson Rivers University share the objectives of building capacity to administer First Nation tax systems, building competitive infrastructure and facilitating investment on First Nation lands as well as increasing understanding of First Nation fiscal, economic, and public policy issues;*

**NOW THEREFORE** the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics and Thompson Rivers University shall:

- 1. Work together to develop and deliver certificate and diploma programs in the areas of First Nation economics, applied economics, taxation and public finance; and*
- 2. Explore opportunities to develop certificate, diploma and degree programs in other related areas such as First Nation land management, financial management and information management; and*
- 3. Work together to recruit and register students for training programs; and*
- 4. Work together to develop research programs in areas that support the training programs; and*
- 5. Establish a Joint Committee to advise and guide the development, delivery and evaluation of training and research programs; and*
- 6. Share teaching and office space and other resources as needed and available to support the training and research programs; and*
- 7. Commit to establishing financial agreements to support the costs of developing and delivering programs.*

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this 21st day of May, 2008.



**Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Michael LeBourdais, Board Chair**

**THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ron Olynyk, Board Chair**