

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 (c) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to administer funds within the exclusive control of the tribes and to make expenditures from available funds for public purposes of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal members shows proof of financial commitment from resources other than the Tribe, as well as any and all other information necessary for the Tribal Business Council to make a determination as to the Business's feasibility; and

WHEREAS, Firms owned by Indian Tribes that are accepted into the SBA 8(a) program are eligible for a special set of rights that enable them to qualify for large Federal procurements; and several large corporations have indicated an interest in mentoring or teaming with both a Tribally-owned manufacturing firm and a Tribally-owned information technology/GIS firm; and

The creation new firms in these industries can create numerous employment opportunities for Tribal members; and

The core capability for a highly qualified information technology/GIS firm exists within the Tribe's MIS and Environmental offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby respectfully expresses and formally enacts;

1. The Articles of Incorporation for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara systems (Information Technology Company Inc., copies of the (budget to this resolution, are hereby approved.

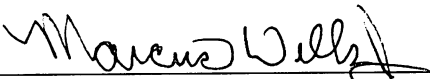
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2. The Tribal Legal Department and Legal Consultant are directed to:
 - A. Prepare 8(a) applications for the new firms, to be done in conjunction with the Tribal economic Development Office and other Tribal offices; and
 - B. Prepare mentor-protégé agreements between the new firms and interested large companies, included ESSI and BTG.
3. The Tribal MIS and Environmental Offices are directed to prepare a plan for the conversion of the Tribe's MIS and GIS capability into the M.H.A. Systems (Information Technology Company Inc., A tribally- owned, for-profit business whose articles of incorporation are approved pursuant to this Resolution, in a manner that would not diminish the services those offices now provide to Tribal programs. Said plan shall be submitted to the Tribal Business Council within 30 days.
4. Legal consultant Daniel Press is directed, as part of the scope of work of his existing retainer consultant agreement with the Three Affiliated Tribes, to work with ESSI, ASRC and others to identify a potential manufacturing acquisition for the Tribe and to present his findings to the Tribal Business Council.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 19th day of February, 2002; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 4 members, 1 members opposed, 1 members abstained, 0 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2002.



Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:



Chairman, Tribal Business Council