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Ms. Silvia Burley  
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Dear Ms. Burley:

In accordance with 25 CFR 900.6 Definitions – Indian Tribe means any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group, or community, including pueblos, rancherias, colonies and any Alaska Native Village, or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

In light of correspondence addressed to Mr. Yakima K. Dixie dated February 11, 2005 (copy enclosed) and signed by Mr. Michael D. Olsen, Principal Deputy, Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, it states in part that the Bureau of Indian Affairs does not recognize any tribal government, and therefore, cannot defer to any tribal dispute resolution process at this time.

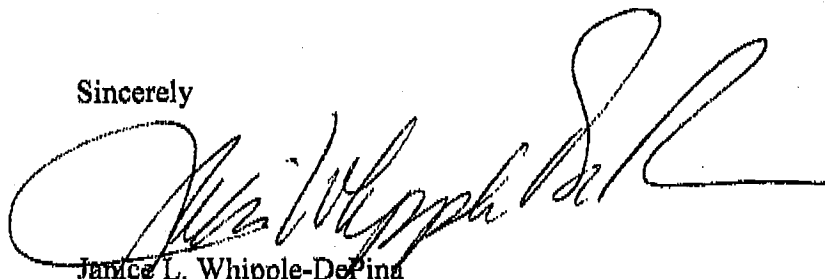
Therefore, based on the above and in accordance with Title I – Indian Self-Determination Act, Sec. 102. (a)(1) The Secretary is directed, upon the requests of any Indian Tribe by tribal resolution, to enter into a self-determination contract or contracts with a tribal organization to plan, conduct, and administer programs or portions thereof, including construction programs --

Whereas there is no recognized tribal government with which to take action on behalf of the tribe or to sustain a government to government relationship with, we must take appropriate action to safeguard federal funds and until such time as the tribe becomes formally organized and a tribal government is re-established, the following modification is issued.

Enclosed for your information is Modification No. Fourteen (14) to Contract No. CTJ51T62802 (FY 05/06 Mature Status – Aid to Tribal Government Program). This modification suspends the current contract in it entirety effective February 11, 2005.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at (916) 930-3742.

Sincerely



Janice L. Whipple-DePina  
Awarding Official

cc: Mr. Yakima K. Dixie, c/o Chad Everone  
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