

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION

AND

UNITED STATES INDIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I. Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the Department of the Interior's (Department) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), and the United States American Chamber of Commerce (USIACC).

It is entered into pursuant to:

The Small Business Act of 1958 – Mandating the implementation and administration of programs that ensure small businesses receive a fair proportion of the Government's procurement dollars under Sections 8 and 15 of the Small Business Act, Public Law 96-302 and Executive Order 12138.

Executive Order 11625 – October 1971, prescribing additional arrangement for developing and coordinating a national program for Minority Business Enterprise.

Public Law 95-507 – October 1978, amendment to the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

II. Purpose

This agreement is being established to enhance Interior's Business and Economic Development Program (BEDP) advocacy and outreach efforts by engaging in a dialogue and understanding with the United States American Chamber of Commerce.

Objectives:

1. To identify Indian American organizations and groups that would most likely benefit from specific information and services available from the Department.
2. To provide access to Departmental programmatic, technical, and financial assistance programs, as well as information about contracting.
3. To establish links between OSDBU and USIACC's websites.

II. Responsibilities**OSDBU RESPONSIBILITIES**

The OSDBU is responsible for implementing, developing, and publishing small business policies and guidelines as they relate to the Department's BEDP; providing technical assistance and guidance to bureaus and offices in their efforts to meet mission objectives; and providing continuous outreach and assistance to small, small disadvantaged, and minority owned business concerns.

USIACC RESPONSIBILITIES

USIACC was established in September 2003 and represents the mutual interest of U.S. companies doing business in India and India companies doing business with the United States of America.

III. Financial Responsibilities

This is not a financial or funding obligation document. Each party will directly fund its own participation under this agreement. Any activity that involves payment for services related to this agreement will be affected in an appropriate funding document according to applicable rules and regulations of the party providing the funds. All activities under or pursuant to this agreement are subject to the availability of federally appropriated funds, and no provision herein will be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds by any party.

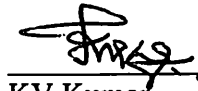
IV. Terms of Agreement and Right of Termination

This agreement becomes effective on the date of the signatures of all parties. Any party may terminate the agreement, without liability at any time and for any reason. This agreement shall expire two (2) years from the date of signature of all parties.

Signatory Authority for Modification

Any modification to this agreement will be executed in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each party.

V. Execution



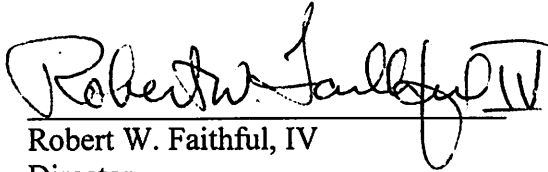
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National Chairman

United States American Chamber of Commerce, Incorporation

07/27/04

Date



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July 27, 2004

Date