



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approving Participation in an upcoming Grant Proposal to the National Science Foundation for a WMAT Head Start Natural Playgrounds and Teacher Training Project to Promote Children's Early Interests and Skills in Science and Math and Engineering)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") is entrusted by the Tribe's Constitution to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, to manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe, and to regulate subordinate organizations for economic and other purposes; and

WHEREAS, The University of Cincinnati Arlitt Center for Education, Research and Sustainability is developing a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF) due Nov 1, 2017 with Prescott College and is inviting the White Mountain Apache Tribe to participate in this grant proposal; and

WHEREAS, This NSF grant, if funded, would provide for a multi-year project that would include planning design, and construction of up to three nature playscape playgrounds for the educational use of the WMAT Head Start Centers' programs and for the benefit of the families with young children in each community; and

WHEREAS, This NSF grant, if funded, would also support the costs of extensive multi-year training and skills development for the teaching staff of the respective Head Start Centers and other local educators that would include research, demonstration, and promotion of best practices in early childhood education, with a focus on early learning of science, engineering and math concepts and skills; and

WHEREAS, Prescott College will be designated in the NSF grant proposal as the regional institution of higher education that would be sub-contracted to provide and facilitate such academic training and skills development for the teaching staff of the respective WMAT Head Start Centers and other local and regional educators if the NSF grant proposal is funded; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribe would be designated in the NSF grant proposal as a subcontractor responsible for choosing and dedicating appropriate sites for construction up to three nature playscape playgrounds to serve Head Start programs and community with different designs reflecting the different climates and landscapes of the McNary, Whiteriver, and Cibecue Head Start Center locations on the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona if the NSF grant proposal is funded; and

WHEREAS the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as subcontractors on the NSF grant would be responsible for professional management and accounting of the grant funds for

1. a planning and design budget in the first year of the grant
2. a construction and related services budget in the following year
3. any other consequent funding for Head Start classroom and facilities upgrades

as may be defined in the NSF grant; and

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WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribe and Prescott College Department of Education and Prescott Center for Nature and Place-based Early Childhood Education (NPECE Center) faculty and staff would be described in the grant proposal as being committed to forming a long-term collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship for the purposes of fulfilling the objectives and mission of the NSF grant; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribe and Prescott College Department of Education and NPECE Center would collaborate with the Arlitt Center staff in electing and facilitating a local planning and design committee to work with a landscape designer/architect recommended by the Arlitt Center; and

WHEREAS, The WMAT Head Start natural playscape playgrounds, once constructed, along with the innovative teacher training and curriculum development projects funded by this NSF grant and provided by Prescott College and the Arlitt Center, would become demonstration models for other early childhood programs to encourage further research and similar construction projects throughout Arizona and the southwest; and

WHEREAS, The White Mountain Apache Tribe, by serving as a subcontractor for this combined nature playscape playgrounds and teacher training program, would be recognized as a leader in promoting a focus on the early childhood learning of science, engineering and math concepts and skills through safe, open ended creative play supported by highly trained staff, and for designing innovative natural playscapes for up to three different landscapes, environments, and climates;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes and approves the University of Cincinnati Arlitt Center to name the White Mountain Apache Tribe as a potential subcontractor in a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation to be submitted to National Science Foundation by the University of Cincinnati in October 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on October 4, 2017 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ONE against, and ONE abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

	<u>10/23/17</u>		<u>10/23/17</u>
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date