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III. BUDGET

A budget is attached, which was originally developed in anticipation of federal interagency funding of the tribal preparation for the Listening Conference. Federal funding was obtained in the amount of \$30,000. The balance must be raised from other sources, and will be expended in accordance with a revised timetable which will include post-conference followup. Any contribution to this effort will be greatly appreciated.

IV. ORGANIZATION

The American Indian Law Center, Inc., is the oldest national Indian policy studies center, dating from 1967 with the initiation of the Special Scholarship Program in Law for American Indians and the creation of the Law Center by the University of New Mexico School of Law as an umbrella organization to conduct policy studies, technical assistance and training. The Law Center has been an independent, non-profit [501 (c) (3)], Indian-controlled corporation since 1976. It is located at the University of New Mexico School of Law and maintains a close relationship with the law school, but it is completely independent and receives no funding from the university.

The American Indian Law Center has been a pioneer in coordinating national Indian tribal policy efforts in conjunction with tribes and national Indian organizations, dating from the successful effort to secure the revision of OMB's FAR Report in 1972 (which would have abolished all Indian Desks in the federal government) through coordination of the tribal response to the Carter Administration "President's Reorganization Project" and including the creation and staffing of the Commission on State-Tribal Relations, which was chartered by the National Congress of American Indians, the National Tribal Chairmens Association and several representative organizations of state government such as the National Conference of State Legislatures. A more complete Corporate Capability Statement is available if needed.

In this case, a more or less informal agreement among the principals coordinating the tribal side of the Listening Conference, including the then-Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians, identified a role for the Law Center in organizing the pre-conference tribal meeting on May 4 and staffing other tribal organizational efforts both leading up to the conference and following.

The Law Center has an excellent management record in administering federal, tribal and foundation contracts and grants, with no significant audit exceptions in 25 years' administration of many millions of dollars. Details of the Law Center's financial system are available upon request.