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VIA EMAIL: tribal-consultation@omb.eop.gov

General Services Administration
FAR Secretariat (MVPR)
1800 F Street NW Room 4041
Washington, DC 20405

RE: Consultation Comments
FAR Case 2009-038; Docket 2010-0095; Sequence 1

Dear Sir/Madam:

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is pleased to participate in the Federal Acquisition Regulatory (FAR) Council's Tribal consultation process regarding implementation of Section 811 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. In addition to submitting this written testimony, HCI has verbally testified on October 5, 2010 during the Washington, DC Tribal Consultations.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. (HCI) is the award-winning tribal economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska which was established in 1994. Its mission is to provide economic opportunity and jobs for tribal members.

Today, HCI employs more than 1,400 people from diverse ethnic backgrounds and skill sets in locations spanning the U.S. and four foreign countries. HCI's operations include information technology, construction, government contracting, green energy, retail, wholesale distribution, marketing, media and transportation.

Besides the direct dividend payment to the Tribe of 20% of net profits and the creation of jobs and opportunities for Tribal members, Ho-Chunk, Inc. has utilized corporate funds generated from government contracts to create the following:

- new modern Ho-Chunk Village on the reservation, a mixed use commercial and residential development
- provided funds to assist Tribal members with purchasing affordable quality housing
- created a \$1 million dollar housing stimulus program for members of the Tribe
- introduced and actively participates in Junior Achievement in the reservation schools
- sponsored a reading program to raise reading scores of students on the reservation
- developed a scholarship program for students attending college
- created an internship program to give Native students significant business experience while attending college
- taken a leadership role in the State of Nebraska in developing and using green energy technology.

These are just a few of the ways these dollars are used to provide improved lives for Winnebago Tribal members.

We are submitting this letter to notify the FAR Council that Ho-Chunk, Inc. has reviewed the position of the Native American Contractors Association (NACA) on this issue and that NACA's written and oral comments are representative of the Ho-Chunk Inc.'s own views or comments.

Without the clarifications to Section 811 that NACA has proposed, the impact of the implementation of Section 811 will have a dramatic chilling effect on the ability of Native enterprises to contract with the Federal Government.

Please contact me at (402) 878-2809 / lmorgan@hochunkinc.com if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Morgan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lance Morgan
President and Chief Executive Officer
Ho-Chunk, Inc.

CC: Sarah L. Lukin, Native American Contractors Association