MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Regents of Northern New Mexico College
(Hereinafter called NNMC)

And

The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. (ENIPC, Inc.)
comprised of
the Pueblo of Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, the Pueblo of Picuris,
the Pueblo de Pojoaque, the Pueblo of San Ildefonso,
the Pueblo of Santa Clara, the Pueblo of Taos and the Pueblo of Tesuque
(Hereinafter called THE EIGHT NORTHERN PUEBLOS)

A. Introduction

1. Northern New Mexico College

Northern New Mexico College serves the educational needs of northern New Mexico's diverse population through higher education programs.

2. The Eight Northern Pueblos

The Eight Northern Pueblos are the traditional homes of the indigenous residents of the northern New Mexico area.

B. Statement of Need

1. Northern New Mexico College

Providing higher education opportunities to residents of northern New Mexico is one of NNMC's highest priorities.

2. The Eight Northern Pueblos

Obtaining higher education opportunities for their tribal members is very important to The Eight Northern Pueblos, so that they can contribute to the welfare of their tribal communities.

C. Purpose of Memorandum and Goals of Relationship

The purpose of the memorandum is to formalize the relationship between the Regents of NNMC and The Eight Northern Pueblos.
The goal of this formalized relationship between the parties is to increase the enrollment in NNMC of residents of The Eight Northern Pueblos and promote successful completion of degree programs by these students.

D. Organizational Responsibilities

The purpose of the memorandum between the Regents of NNMC and the Eight Northern Pueblos will be to collaborate to address retention of and academic achievement of Northern Pueblo students enrolled at NNMC.

1. To attain the goals of this memorandum, NNMC and the Eight Northern Pueblos mutually will:
   
a. Conduct educational workshops and other appropriate events both on NNMC's campus and in the Eight Northern Pueblos communities for their members;

b. Participate at the local tribal level in educational activities sponsored by the individual and collective Eight Northern Pueblos to encourage members to pursue postsecondary education;

c. Work with the New Mexico Higher Education Department and the Northern New Mexico College Foundation to establish tuition waivers for members of the Eight Northern Pueblos;

d. Work collaboratively to explore the concept of establishing an NNMC campus on the Santa Fe Indian School campus to offer upper division coursework that leads to Bachelors degrees, as referenced in ENIPC, Inc. Resolution Number 06-02-04;

e. Collaborate in identifying and securing funds from NNMC, the Eight Northern Pueblos, local, state, federal and private sector sources to support implementation of retention programs for Eight Northern Pueblos students;

f. Strengthen communication among all parties on educational issues identified in this Memorandum of Understanding;

g. Jointly support the development of a New Mexico American Indian student tracking system that provides an annual report of data and findings;

h. Jointly develop an action plan that identifies implementation strategies which include what, who, when and how the goals will be achieved;
i. Work collaboratively to have a qualified Pueblo member on the NNMC Board of Regents.

2. To attain the goals of this memorandum, NNMC will:

a. Provide the Eight Northern Pueblos with year-end statistical reports regarding Eight Northern Pueblo students enrolled at NNMC, including:
   (1) Retention and graduation rates
   (2) Tracking system data and findings;

b. Make technical assistance available to the Eight Northern Pueblos to improve the educational success of their tribal members;

c. Continue to assign both the American Indian Affairs office and the Northern Pueblos Institute to be tribal liaisons to work with the Eight Northern Pueblos and their educational programs;

d. Expand its practice of seeking and hiring qualified American Indians in faculty, advisement and professional staff positions;

e. Assist the Eight Northern Pueblos in developing and implementing effective ways of disseminating bachelors' and associates' program information to tribal members of the Eight Northern Pueblos;

f. Make an effort to commence offering an annual Presidential Scholarship for each of the Eight Northern Pueblos;

g. Initiate an NNMC/Eight Northern Pueblos Oversight Committee composed of two members from each party to provide for Eight Northern Pueblos' input into the planning and development of new programs, grants, contracts and funds that utilizes, targets or includes Eight Northern Pueblos tribal members;

h. Collaborate with Northern New Mexico College to provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) and General Education Diploma (GED) assistance to members of the Eight Northern Pueblos.
3. To attain the goals of this memorandum, the Eight Northern Pueblos Council, Inc, will:

   a. Work with NNMC to provide tribal members of the Eight Northern Pueblos with information and technical assistance to prepare them for enrollment in a degree program at NNMC;

   b. Work with NNMC to periodically identify the educational and training needs of community and tribal members to see how NNMC can most effectively meet these needs;

   c. Identify the Eight Northern Pueblos tribal members who are enrolled at NNMC so that they can be included in NNMC's tracking system;

   d. Support NNMC in identifying and securing funds for programs for American Indian students;

   e. Support NNMC by appropriating Eight Northern Pueblos resources to support services for retention of tribal members when the need arises;

   f. Strive to send a high proportion of the high school graduates and adult learners from each of the Eight Northern Pueblos to NNMC each year.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

The term of this agreement shall continue in force in perpetuity and may be terminated by either party with 90 days written notice. In the case of such termination, all responsibilities incurred prior to such notice of termination pursuant to this agreement shall be carried out.

Amendments or improvements to this agreement may be made by the mutual agreement of representatives of both parties.
The undersigned agree that this document represents the understanding between NNMC and the Eight Northern Pueblos named above. Any agreement to change the terms of this memorandum in any way shall be valid only if the change is made in writing and approved by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

APPROVALS:

For the Regents of Northern New Mexico College:

Michael Branch, Chairman  
NNMC Board of Regents

Jose Griego, President  
Northern New Mexico College

For the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc.:

Governor Joe Garcia  
Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh  
ENIPC, Inc. Chairman

Governor Michael Chavarria  
Pueblo of Santa Clara  
ENIPC, Inc. Vice Chairman

Attest:

John Gonzales,  
ENIPC Executive Director