



SENSE INCORPORATED ...
S.I. SOLUTIONS, LLC

Brief Description of SENSE Incorporated and S.I. Solutions, LLC

Since the initiation of the Tribal Self-Governance movement in the late 1980's, SENSE Incorporated, a minority-owned small business, has worked for nearly four decades to coordinate, advance, and include the Self-Governance tenets in all Tribal, Federal, and Congressional agendas and discussions in Washington, DC. SENSE has been on the front lines beginning with the Self-Governance Demonstration Project through ultimate passage of amended legislation to reaffirm Tribal Self-Governance under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act in both the Department of the Interior and Department of Health and Human Services. Most recently, SENSE provided technical expertise to the Department of Transportation's Tribal Self-Governance Program Negotiated Rulemaking Committee during the promulgation of regulations.

SENSE has extensive experience working with Self-Governance Tribes in the planning, negotiations, and implementation of the Self-Governance authority to transfer the delivery of programs, services, functions, and activities to local Tribal governments. SENSE professional staff has been actively involved throughout the Self-Governance journey as an advocate to educate Congress and the Administration about the importance of the dynamics that have emerged under self-Governance to improve the relationship between Tribal governments and the United States. SENSE remains committed to working with our Tribal clients to advance and expand Self-Governance throughout the Federal government.

Founded in 1979, SENSE Incorporated is a Washington, D.C. based firm, providing liaison and advocacy services to Native American Tribes, Tribal Businesses, and Tribal Organizations. Under the long-term leadership of President/CEO, C. Juliet Pittman, a.k.a. "Pitt", SENSE has established a stable and effective cadre of professional and administrative staff committed to assist Tribes and Tribal organizations to unravel the executive and legislative mazes that exist throughout Washington, DC. SENSE has a proven history and long-term track record of success. We continue to work for Tribal clients who all have unique and diverse needs on a plethora of issues.

Established in 2010, as a subsidiary of SENSE Incorporated, S.I. Solutions, LLC provides communication and outreach, assists in the development and implementation of Self-Governance national strategic plans and objectives, writes planning, negotiations, and Tribal management grants, and conducts training and technical assistance for Self-Governance Tribes across the country.

S.I. Solutions, LLC also provides technical support to some of the key entities representing Self-Governance Tribes in Washington, DC such as the Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium [SGCETC], DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee

[SGAC] and the IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee [TSGAC]. Collectively, these groups represent more than half of the Federal recognized Tribes in the United States.

Professional Staff

As the lead “face” of SENSE, Pitt is well known, respected, and recognized in Washington, DC for her long-standing advocacy on Native issues and advancing, protecting Tribal sovereignty and Tribal rights. She has an extensive working knowledge of Capital Hill and has built a solid network which includes Congressional and Administrative officials and staff. Pitt has been actively involved in all aspects of Self-Governance and provides clients with up-to-the-minute activities in the Nation’s Capital by Congress and the Administration on issues that are of interest to and have the potential of impacting Self-Governance Tribes.

Cyndi Ferguson joined SENSE in March 2010 as a Self-Governance Specialist/Policy Advisor. Having previously worked for over 20 years as the Director of Governmental Affairs for the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe in Washington State, Cyndi has extensive experience in all facets of Self-Governance as well. Cyndi has a background in finance which complements the intricacies of both Tribal and Federal budgets. She has been an integral member on numerous Tribal-Federal workgroups charged with redesigning how the government-to-government relationship should and can work under Self-Governance. Cyndi also provides technical assistance and facilitation services in problem solving and solution development and has worked with Tribal governments, foundations, Federal government employees, Congressional staff, and others in mastering these roles.

Other professional consultants, in specialized fields, are also available on a task-specific basis.

If your Tribe or Tribal Organization is interested in SENSE and S.I. Solution services, please contact Pitt or Cyndi at:

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