

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CLLO-2026-0917-12

DATE: September 17, 2026

“GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE”

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (“Lumbee Tribe”) is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe with inherent sovereign powers of self-government, including the authority and responsibility to pursue meaningful economic development projects and priorities;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution delegates legislative authority to the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (“Tribal Council”), and the Tribal Council exercises that authority in furtherance of the Tribe’s sovereignty, self-determination, and duty to provide resources for programs for the Lumbee People;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority to approve, enact, and amend the annual fiscal budget and budget process;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is responsible for oversight and review of all budget components;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authority and fiduciary responsibility to ensure compliance with program funding and allocations;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has entered into a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe has an initial contract to perform work funded under a Good Neighbor Agreement grant for five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, Lumbee Tribe Holdings, Inc. dba Lumbee Holdings, Inc. (“LH”) is wholly owned by the Lumbee Tribe;

WHEREAS, LH was established for the purpose of serving as the economic development arm of the Lumbee Tribe regarding federal government contracting opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe desires LH to carry out its responsibilities with respect to the initial GNA award and subsequent awards from USDA;

WHEREAS, subsequent awards from the USDA may require “Time of the Essence” determinations and decisions to respond to U.S. government needs and/or operational requirements;

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Tribal Council that the following ordinance shall be cited as the “Good Neighbor Agreement Lumbee Tribe of NC and U.S. Department of Agriculture,” subject to all inclusions and provisions as described in the budget;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Lumbee Tribe delegates the responsibility of carrying out all responsibilities under the initial award to LH as its economic development arm for federal government contracting opportunities;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Lumbee Tribe delegates the responsibility of carrying out all responsibilities under subsequent awards from the USDA up to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00) upon submission of each award to the Tribal Council Executive Committee for written concurrence;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Tribal Council Executive Committee, upon written request from the LH CEO who provides all necessary and subsequently requested information without delay, hereby has the delegated authority to approve subsequent engagements/awards up to a total of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00);

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the Tribal Council Executive Committee shall report to the Tribal Council Finance Committee any actions delegated to them at the next meeting of the Finance Committee;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a process by which LH can onboard USDA business opportunities in a manner that allows for operational efficiency and clear delegation;

BE FURTHER ENACTED, nothing in this Ordinance shall waive the sovereign immunity of the Lumbee Tribe, its officials, its agencies, or its instrumentalities.

Good Neighbor Agreement (initial award)

Indirect Cost to LTNC	\$	652,173.91
Direct Services/Contract	\$	4,347,826.09

CERTIFICATION

THIS CLLO-2026-0917-12, named "GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," adopted AT A MEETING OF THE TWENTY-ONE (21) MEMBER TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE _____ MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM, THIS ____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026, BY A VOTE OF ____ YES, ____ NO, AND ____ ABSTENTION(S).



ATTEST: ALBERT ALEXANDER BAKER

9/17/2026

DATE

SPEAKER, TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF
NORTH CAROLINA



ATTEST: CHOCAJUANA OXENDINE

9/17/2026

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SECRETARY, TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE OF
NORTH CAROLINA

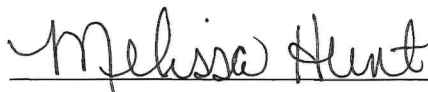
ATTEST: JOHN L. LOWERY

DATE

CHAIRMAN, LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA

POSTING

THIS CLLO-2026-0917-12 "GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT LUMBEE TRIBE OF NC AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," duly posted on the ____ day of SEPTEMBER 2026.



ATTEST: MELISSA HUNT

9/17/26

DATE

TRIBAL CLERK DESIGNEE, LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH
CAROLINA

