Window Rock, AZ—On November 6, 2014, The Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and Vice President Rex Lee Jim signed EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11-2014—Utilizing Professional Development Services of Diné College and Navajo Technical University, a memorable point in history for Navajo Nation’s higher education system.

Our administration is committed to Growing Our Own by ensuring training, research development, feasibility studies, internship opportunities, scholarships, teacher training, strengthen the Navajo Nation government and build the capacity of Diné College and Navajo Technical University. “It is through our higher education institutions that we can start to build a nation with educated Navajos who will be leading and operating this Nation long after I am out of office,” Vice President Jim expounds. The Navajo Nation Executive Branch and its departments, divisions and programs, will utilize Diné College and Navajo Technical University to provide professional development services when applicable, including, but not limited to: consultancy, business proposals, grant proposals, conjunctural grant submittals, internal program/department/division organizational restructure, and research services, which will promote the “Grow Our Own Initiative.”

It is with this executive order we start to build a stronger partnership with our Higher Education Institutions, where we can start to develop an Office of Higher Education, the Navajo Nation Higher Education Agenda, align our institutions so they are not competing with each other, and to shape policy to ensure academic success is a priority of the nation.
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11-2014

UTILIZING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OF DINÉ COLLEGE AND NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

THE NAVAJO NATION
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11-2014

November 6, 2014

WHEREAS:

1. The President of the Navajo Nation serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Executive Branch of the Navajo government with full authority to conduct, supervise, and coordinate personnel and programs of the Navajo Nation (2 N.N.C. § 1005(A)); and

2. The President shall have the enumerated power of issuing an executive order for the purpose of interpreting, implementing or giving administrative effect to statutes of the Navajo Nation in the manner set forth in such status (2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14)); and

3. An executive order shall have the force of law upon the recipient (2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14)); and

4. The Navajo Nation recognizes that in today’s global economy, the research generated by both our institutions of higher learning will lead the effort to create intellectual capital, and further develop the social and political infrastructure of our Nation; and

5. Our Administration is committed to training, research development, feasibility studies, internship opportunities, scholarships, teacher training, where these professional services rendered will strengthen the Navajo Nation government and build the capacity of Diné College and Navajo Technical University.

THEREFORE:

I, Ben Shelly, President of the Navajo Nation, by the authority vested in me pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(14), I hereby issue the following order:
1. The Navajo Nation Executive Branch and its departments, divisions and programs, will utilize Diné College and/or Navajo Technical University to provide professional development services when applicable, including, but not limited to: consultancy, business proposals, grant proposals, conjunctural grant submittals, internal program/department/division organizational restructure, and research services; and

2. When research is needed for a department, division, or program, the department, division or program should first inquire if the particular research project can be completed by the post secondary institutions of Diné College and/or Navajo Technical University to ensure the Navajo Nation has pertinent rights to all research conducted regarding the Navajo Nation and its citizenry.

FURTHERMORE:

1. Ensuring the Navajo Nation purchase services or products is strictly adhere to the procurement policy of Diné College and/or Navajo Technical University; and

2. The Agencies of the Navajo Nation are hereby directed to cooperate with the Vice President and Chief to Staff in promoting the Navajo Nation’s Higher Education College and University including, but limited to workforce training, education, consultancy, and other pertinent services, when applicable to Diné College and/or Navajo Technical University.

Executed at the Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation
On the 10th day of Nov. 2014.

Ben Shelly, President
THE NAVAJO NATION

Rex Lee Jim, Vice President
THE NAVAJO NATION

ATTEST:

Harrison Tsosie, Attorney General
Department of Justice
THE NAVAJO NATION