



Thomas "Running Bear" Smith founded TSI in 1980 with the support of his loving wife. The company soon acquired minority certification as MBE. Mr. Smith was passionate from very beginning. He quickly became aware of the importance of not only employing minorities but worked tirelessly as an advocate to ensure that he would utilize minority companies as he encouraged others to do so.

Tom Smith Industries was one of the first MBEs to hold a seat on the NMSDC (National Minority Supplier Development Council) BOARD. TSI also became the very first Corporate Plus member at NMSDC.

Mr. Smith was notably the visionary and co-founder of NABA (Native American Business Alliance). He was dedicated to Sun Watch Indian Village – Ohio. Whenever asked to reach out to others "Running Bear" was always there. He can best be described as a giving, caring individual. He received a host of awards and recognitions too numerous to mention.