TRIBAL PROJECT

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe was awarded $10 million in 2009
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

• Partnerships are key

• Community Impact
  • Increases access to health care
  • Creates new economic development opportunities
  • Online education, training and employment opportunities for tribal members
CHALLENGES

• Cumbersome grant requirements
• Grant funds insufficient, tribal investment essential
• Reimbursement timeline can be cost prohibitive
• Lack of support and understanding of tribal telecom capabilities
TRIBAL LEADERSHIP & LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

“Encourage partnerships to reduce costs and increase access. Without support from County legislators who backed SRMT’s pilot program, our state and federal representatives who introduced legislation to encourage the development of broadband in New York, the Development Authority of the North Country, and the Federal Communications Commission, our Tribe would not be as successful as we have been in expanding critical broadband infrastructure. It is important that we maintain these working relationships in order to achieve our shared goals of advancing the future of Indian Country and rural America.”

-Testimony, March 2017, then Sub-Chief Conners
LESSONS LEARNED

• Provide set-asides for tribal and rural infrastructure projects
  • Tribes need the opportunity to transform infrastructure projects into sustainable solutions
  • Address the critical gap in our Nation’s infrastructure
• Support legislation that positively impacts Indian Country
• Encourage partnerships
  • Co-location, IT/Network and Engineering services
• Build upon existing infrastructure
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

MoHawk Networks

More than just broadband
LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCAL TEAM

Capacity & Expertise Building

• Network Communication Design & Cabling
• VoIP Phone systems
• Security Systems
JOB CREATION

Tribe’s Health Services Expansion

• Installed over 450 data connections
• 50,000 feet of CAT6 Plenum
• Installed 16 surveillance cameras
SUSTAINABILITY

• Opportunity to partner with surrounding communities
• Building a scalable operation
• Capacity and expertise in serving rural communities (our TEAM)