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TRIBAL
BROADBAND
SUMMIT



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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

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Tribal Chief Michael Conners provided testimony on March 21, 2017 to the U.S. House of Representative's Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

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



Chief Beverly Cook, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Chief Michael 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

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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)

