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#### **Tribal Broadband Discussion**

Native American Development Corporation
Presentation
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#### **PRESENTER:**

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Anika Evans has over eighteen (18) years experience in project management, business development and network engineering in the commercial and educational construction industries in both federal, local and tribal sectors.

Anika Evans has a public service record as a board member for Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (GRTI) for seven years and Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) for two years. She is a ½ Akimel O'Otham (Pima) tribal member in the Gila River Indian Community, south of Phoenix, AZ.

Anika Evans has a bachelors degree in Agribusiness from Arizona State University, as well as extensive undergraduate studies in computer systems engineering at ASU and professional studies in veterinary medicine at Colorado State University.

Highliner Consulting's Project Management Team consists of professionals who hold Project Management Professional (PMP), Six Sigma as well as Master Degrees in Project Management. This training also incorporates elements of our collective team input and experience.





## **FEDERAL RESOURCES**

- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- Universal Service Administration Corp (USAC)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - Rural Utility Services
- U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)
  - National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)





## **FCC**

- Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC status)
  - Federal Designation vs. State Corporation Commission
  - Required for Landline and Cellular Providers
- Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP)
- 2011 USF Reform Order
  - Tribal Engagement: USF, Lifeline & Link-Up



## **FCC**

- Connect American Fund (CAF)
  - 2011 Tribal Mobility Fund: Round 1 2013, \$50M;
     Redundant Rounds \$100M (Dates TBA)
  - 2013 Database implemented to identify Lifeline recipients and prevent abuse
  - 2013 FCC started implementing harsh fines for abusers (more than one line per subscriber)
  - 2014 FCC Developing E-Rate III



## **USAC**

- Administers all service providers and recipients of CAF monies
- E-Rate Administration
  - Supplements cost of delivery for broadband access for schools, libraries and health care facilities



## **USDA**

- Rural Utility Services Loans
  - Telecommunications: Eligible
     Telecommunications Carriers (ETC)
    - Local Exchange Carriers: Incumbent/Competitive
  - Electrification
- Rural Development
  - Community Connect Grants (Due 6/17/2016)



## **NTIA**

- -Administrator of all U.S. Spectrum Interests
- Broadband Technology OpportunitiesProgram (BTOP)
  - BTOP recipients and subrecipients: <a href="http://broadbandworkshop.pbworks.com/w/page/44990123/FrontPage">http://broadbandworkshop.pbworks.com/w/page/44990123/FrontPage</a>. If you do not have access, click "request access" and a username and password will be granted to you shortly.







## <u>NTIA</u>

- Tribal Mobility Fund: \$100M annual funding
  - Eligibility is based on census block population
  - Reverse Auctions: lowest bidder awarded the project
  - Tribe must have access to spectrum (51% partner)
  - Must provide a letter of credit
  - Must have ETC status



## **NTIA**

- FirstNet: First Responders Network
  - 2012 Middle Class Relief and Job Creations Act
  - Nationwide ubiquitous network 4G/LTE, to provide first responders with high-speed, broadband network dedicated to public safety.
  - 700 MHz D block allocated for disaster response and public safety

Do NOT allow them to classify Alaska as "Frontier."



## **DHS**

- Northwest Borderland CommunicationsGroup
  - Interactive group identifying used and usable spectrum technologies along U.S. borders
  - Negotiates with Canada and Russia on all wireless network communications, including radio and television broadcast



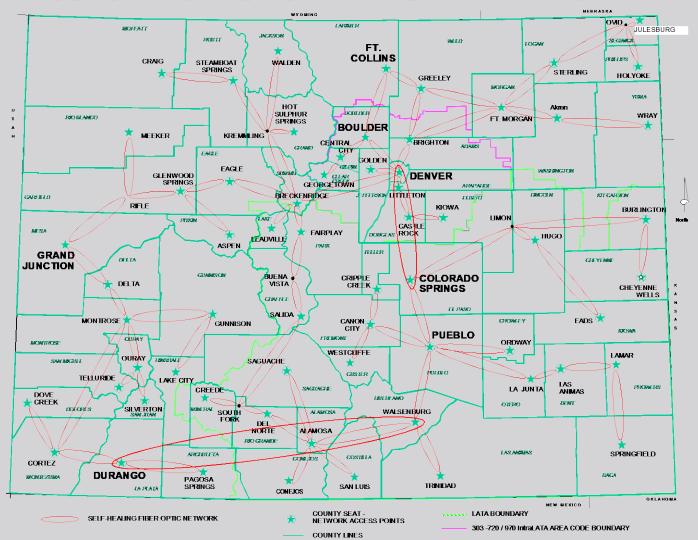


## **OTHER RESOURCES**

- Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)
  - Alaska Telephone Association
  - GCI: in certain locations
  - ACS: in certain locations
- Local cable companies
- Satellite services: Earth Stations
- Wireless providers: Spectrum Licenses
  - Potential partners for Tribal Consortiums



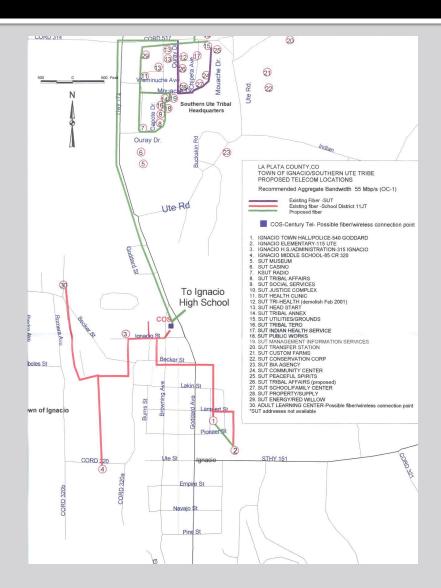
#### **COLORADO HIGH SPEED DIGITAL NETWORK**





## **Southern Ute Tribe**

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## **CHALLENGES**

- Active Volcanoes
- -Aleutian Trench
  - Located along major tectonic plates
  - Earthquake zone
  - Tidal wave zone
- Active Fishing Industries



## **OUR SERVICES**

- Business Plan Development
  - Feasibility studies
- Project Development, Design & Management
  - Contract management
- Consortium Negotiation
  - Regional Tribal Corporations
  - Alaskan Telecommunication Carriers
  - State Options
  - Federal Legislation & Policy



## **OUR SERVICES**

- Identification of Funding Sources
  - Grant application and administration
  - Investor identification and relations



#### TRIBAL BROADBAND DISCUSSION

Questions – Feedback - Follow-up

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#### **QUESTIONS**



#### **RESOURCES**

**FCC Office of Native Affairs** 

http://www.fcc.gov/native

**Tribal Engagement** 

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FC C-11-161A1.pdf