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Organized Village of Saxman
Resolution # _____

A RESOLUTION of the Organized Village of Saxman, a federally recognized tribe, to join a consortium with Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska to apply for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) grants and apply any such awarded money to the consortium with equal consideration given to each member tribe.

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman and the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) desire to form a consortium to collaborate in an application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP), authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Division N, Title IX, Section 905(c), Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182 (Dec. 27, 2020), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 11.029, pursuant to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Section C.3.b.; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida Indian is a regional federally recognized tribe, with over 32,000 tribal citizens and whose political subdivisions span the entirety of Southeast Alaska, as well as Anchorage, Alaska, Seattle, Washington and San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is an eligible applicant pursuant to the NOFO Section C.1.; and

WHEREAS, Organized Village of Saxman is an eligible applicant pursuant to the NOFO Section C.1.; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will lead this consortium application of eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the consortium will be to receive a federal award of grant funding from the amounts appropriated under Section 905(c)(3)(A) of the Act pursuant to the NOFO Section B.3. and C.3. for application(s) timely submitted that fulfill the purpose of the TBCP and the requirements of the NOFO; and

WHEREAS, in the NOFO Section A.1.b.2.(m) Tribal Land “means ... (C) any land located within a region established pursuant to section 7(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1606(a)); and

WHEREAS, the NOFO definition of Tribal Land in Section A.1.b.2.(m) includes 43 U.S.C. § 1606(a)(10) Tlingit-Haida Central Council (southeastern Alaska, including Metlakatla); and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is the regional Tribal Government for southeast Alaska pursuant to Section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 388), as amended by the Act of August 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 543), and the Tlingit and Haida Status Clarification Act (Public Law 103-454, Title II, 108 Stat. 4792); and

WHEREAS Organized Village of Saxman is located within southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida may combine any award from the NTIA TBCP grant with pre-existing projects and funding to achieve larger goals; and

WHEREAS Organized Village of Saxman may utilize funding outside of the NTIA TBCP grant to increase opportunities and supplement projects; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will use funding from NTIA TBCP grant award to improve broadband access in an efficient manner, with a weighted methodology of targeting areas with highest needs and a reasonable ability to provide service; and

WHEREAS, services provided by the consortium may not be identical in all areas, the terms and conditions of an NTIA TBCP grant will guide implementation; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will endeavor to maximize the value of any grant awards by employing persons and businesses within the areas being served; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will prepare an NTIA TBCP grant application; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will act as an administrator, coordinator and technical lead on developing solutions that meet the requirements of the NTIA TBCP grant; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will serve as the point of contact for the consortium with NTIA and engage with the NTIA regarding all matters pertaining to the grant; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will submit an application to the NTIA for the TBCP grant which will provide for services that impact consumers in the Tribal Land of the Eligible Applicants joined to the consortium; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will exclusively manage any and all funds awarded; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will deliver services as described in the grant application, until any grant funds have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida may continue to deliver services beyond the life of the grant, if other funding sources are available (e.g., revenue, other grant funding, etc.); and

WHEREAS, prior to accepting the grant funds on the Organized Village of Saxman's behalf, Tlingit and Haida will work with the Organized Village of Saxman to create an MOA, that outlines the minimum broadband infrastructure to be built in the Organized Village of Saxman's service area using granted funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Organized Village of Saxman hereby joins the consortium led by Tlingit & Haida and authorizes Tlingit & Haida to prepare and submit a National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) consortium application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Organized Village of Saxman authorizes Tlingit & Haida to take such additional steps on its behalf with respect to the project award, as may be required to perform, implement, and give effect to the application, as awarded by the NTIA pursuant to this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Organized Village of Saxman consents to these actions taken by Tlingit & Haida on its behalf and to perform, implement, give effect to and administer such consent.

President Joe Williams

ATTEST: