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Tribal Ready Announces Partnership with Nokia

The companies will combine resources to help address the digital divide in Indian Country

Washington, D.C. – Today, Tribal Ready, a Native American-owned-and-governed company with decades of experience in communication network design and delivery to unserved and underserved areas, announces its partnership with Nokia to collaborate and share resources in securing broadband across Indian Country.

Nokia is a technology innovation leader in networking with a mission to bring people together to realize the potential of digital in every community. Together, Nokia and Tribal Ready will help bring broadband to the unserved and underserved parts of Indian Country.

“Tribal Ready is excited to embark on this significant partnership with Nokia,” said Joe Valandra, CEO of Tribal Ready. “Getting Tribes access to broadband has never been more important, and with deadlines for grants and broadband funding coming up, we are confident that this partnership will help Tribal Ready amplify its message and Nokia obtain its goal to maximize digital connection for all.”

Tribal Ready has been helping Native American communities access broadband funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. However, because the BEAD funding distribution is dependent on the inaccurate FCC Fabric map, Tribal Ready utilizes its Tribal Virtual Broadband Office to collect accurate data. This helps Tribes advocate for the appropriate funding they deserve.

“Nokia realizes how critical broadband is to the success and well-being of all communities enabling to prosper in the economies of the future,” said David Eckard, Head of Government Driven Broadband Initiatives and Partner Sales at Nokia. “We are proud to work with a company like Tribal Ready that is also committed to connecting people with the industry’s best technology to realize the full potential of disadvantaged communities across this country.”

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About Tribal Ready, PBC

Tribal Ready is a Native American-owned and governed company with decades of expertise in communication network design and delivery to high-cost rural areas. Our mission is to ensure high-speed broadband reaches every Native American individual and community. We are committed advocates for tribal sovereignty, fighting for the right to govern our communities and benefit from access to modern technology. Our team has the knowledge and relationships vital for tribes to access broadband grant funding and the trust necessary to preserve culture and advance tribal sovereignty.

About Nokia

At Nokia, we create technology that helps the world act together.



As a B2B technology innovation leader, we are pioneering networks that sense, think and act by leveraging our work across mobile, fixed and cloud networks. In addition, we create value with intellectual property and long-term research, led by the award-winning Nokia Bell Labs.

Service providers, enterprises and partners worldwide trust Nokia to deliver secure, reliable and sustainable networks today – and work with us to create the digital services and applications of the future.