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Tribal Ready Announces Partnership with Olsson

Washington, D.C. - Tribal Ready — a Native-owned, governed, and controlled public benefit corporation that helps Native communities deploy, manage, and operate broadband telecommunications networks — is pleased to announce a partnership with Olsson to improve broadband infrastructure in Native communities.

Tribal Ready and Olsson have unique expertise helping Native communities improve high-speed internet connectivity and protect tribal cultural areas. This partnership will help make an even greater impact on their tribal partners' ability to access broadband funding, planning, engineering and design, and environmental planning and permitting.

"We are thrilled to deepen our relationship with Olsson and advance the power of Native communities through our broadband projects," said Joseph Valandra, Tribal Ready CEO. "Olsson has the unique mix of telecommunication expertise, funding experience, and respect for tribal communities that we have been seeking."

Olsson is an engineering firm that crafts expert solutions and designs to improve communities. Olsson's telecommunications infrastructure and funding experts recently partnered with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to secure a \$35.2 million federal grant that will provide high-speed broadband access for more than 2,300 addresses, 800 tribal households, 40 businesses, 16 tribal institutions and several nearby communities.

"We are honored to partner with Tribal Ready as we continue our efforts to bring high-speed internet to tribal communities," said Todd Fredericksen, Olsson's telecom leader.

Olsson and Tribal Ready are currently working together on several projects that will bring muchneeded broadband infrastructure to tribal and rural communities across the nation.

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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 team has the knowledge and relationships vital for tribes to access broadband grant funding, as well as the trust necessary to preserve culture and advance tribal sovereignty. We are committed advocates for tribal sovereignty, fighting for the right to govern our own communities and benefit from access to modern technology. Our mission is to ensure that high-speed broadband reaches every Native American individual and community.

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