



Category #3: Excellence in Telecommunications Partnerships

Individual, organization or company that has developed an innovative telecommunications partnership for the purpose of providing improved access, reliability and/or affordability for underserved and rural communities.



Adam Haas and **Marsha Spellman** have achieved goals and objectives for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs by succeeding in Federal grants to enhance Communications (established long term Cell sites and grants), obtained State Grants for the Confederated tribes communication center (which included a communication console that will meet the tribes long term commitment to provide 1000 square mile of emergency communication through newly install repeaters, stand alone Frequencies for Police/ Fire) and established working relationships / partnerships with County, State and Federal governments. Adam and Marsha are tribal partners and team players that have achieved the impossible task of meeting the Tribal communication task team's challenges. Layer after layer of red tape must be met in order for one to accomplish their goals and objectives. This was not an easy task for anyone to accomplish given the details of the Tribal Trust responsibility, working in partnership and building the bridges to succeed, and understanding the hard issues of Tribal Government.