

The Broadband Journey is Different for every Tribe

PANEL DISCUSSION

Where to start and how to sustain internet
tribal self determination



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- Mike is responsible for Network Solutions and new solution innovation at BearCom. He has over 25 years' experience in information technology, RF systems, software development and new technology innovation. He holds a masters of Science, Cybersecurity, Western Governors University
- Mike is a member of the Air National Guard for over 25+ years as a Chief Enlisted Manager at the 147th Attack Wing Communication Flight



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Ted Cox

Director



Pierson Wireless Corp.

- Ted Cox has been with Pierson Wireless for 13 years and entered the field of telecommunications upon joining the company. He has worked within all verticals of the business including network installation and optimization, network design, project management and technical sales.
- Currently Ted is the Sr. Director of Advanced Solutions and Development at Pierson Wireless overseeing opportunities developing both nationally and internationally.



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Tim Jaeger

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- Tim has been working in the wireless industry for over 25 years and is currently in charge of Vertical Markets for Tarana Wireless. His experience includes designing and implementing wireless networks for municipalities and tribal communities.



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Kevin Hamer

General Manager



Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Tribal Broadband Consortium

- Kevin is a former retired federal government IT senior executive helping government accelerate digital first technologies. He is CEO of Akiak Technology, LLC and General Manager for the Consortium. As GM, Kevin helps Southwest Alaska Tribes leverage broadband technologies to close the digital divide for serve their tribal villages through federal and state grants and commercial partnerships in infrastructure, tribal libraries and other opportunities.
- Kevin has a MS in the Management of IT from the University of Virginia and BA from the University of Notre Dame.



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PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Tribal Internet Self Determination
 - It start with YOUR plan for YOUR community
- Broadband Infrastructure and Service Options
 - Match your community's needs to available options for Last Mile, Middle Mile, Fixed Wireless, etc.
- Which Broadband Technical Solutions are Right for Your Tribal Community?
 - IT applications and system design
- Build and Sustain Tribal Broadband
 - Plan for CapEx AND OpEx



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