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The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Continue Work with Magellan Advisors

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NESPELEM, WASHINGTON / DENVER, COLORADO – The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in northeastern Washington have sought Magellan Advisor’s continued partnership as they enter the second phase of planning for expanding broadband across the region.

Magellan’s team first worked with the Tribes while developing a Broadband Action Plan for the Broadband Action Team led by the Tribes and Ferry County, Washington. Throughout the course of the study, Magellan became deeply familiar with the ongoing concerns of the communities on the Reservation about a growing digital divide that left many without affordable, reliable options for high-speed broadband. The resultant action plan recommended specific next steps including developing a broadband business plan for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, defining a regional approach that includes the Tribes, Ferry County, Okanogan County, and stakeholders such as the public utility districts, and pursuing a variety of grant applications to fund the buildout and operations of additional broadband infrastructure.

Magellan’s West Coast team will work with tribal leadership to lead these actions, including engaging stakeholders such as residents, businesses, community organizations, education, surrounding municipalities, and infrastructure owners such as Noanet and the PUDs to create a Business and Operations Plan for CCT to bring increased access to the Reservation and surrounding areas. Magellan will assist the Tribes with developing a network design and engineering analysis, which will be used to pursue state and federal grant opportunities. The development of this Plan is a critical next step to ensuring the communities on the Colville Reservation have access to high-speed connectivity that will enhance quality of place, quality of life, and economic opportunity.

Rodney Cawston, Chairman of the Colville Tribes, said, “Every community should have access to reliable, affordable, and high-speed broadband. It can be challenging to extend infrastructure to rural areas, but that challenge must be met and overcome. The Colville Tribes welcomes all willing partners in its effort to modernize vital infrastructure.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,479 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The tribes, commonly known by English and French names, are: the Colville, the Nespelem, the San Poil, the Arrow Lakes, the Palus, the Wenatchi (Wenatchee), the Chelan, the Entiat, the Methow, the southern Okanogan, the Moses Columbia and the Nez Perce of Chief Joseph's Bands.

About Magellan Advisors

Magellan Advisors provides planning, engineering, grant development, implementation and management of the fastest, most technologically advanced fiber and broadband networks. Our mission is to connect every community, one at a time, to the digital economy so that no one is left behind. Our work ensures that communities are able to access every opportunity the internet has to offer so they can thrive in the connected world. We work for municipalities, utilities, co-ops and regional governments but serve any organization that is building fiber and broadband infrastructure.