



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 24-54

Title: Starlink Direct Internet Access and Reseller

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 37,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has received a grant through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the purpose of developing and implementing digital equity to provide broadband access and deployment to Tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has adopted a hybrid technological approach to enhance connectivity within tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, this approach combines the high-speed data transfer of Starlink High Performance (HP) terminals with the expansive bandwidth of Direct Internet Access (DIA) services for improved performance and efficiency in internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Starlink Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite solution design offers substantial savings by eliminating the community connection cost required for traditional tower infrastructure and by providing service in areas lacking fiber access; and

WHEREAS, the use of LEO, consistent with the Tribe's hybrid approach, requires purchasing and incorporating three HP terminals per tower for the Tribe's telecommunications infrastructure, with DIA fiber as the foundational infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of providing broadband access to Tribal citizens consistent with its hybrid technological approach, Tlingit & Haida has the opportunity to become the first Tribal reseller of Starlink terminals by committing to an initial purchase in equipment from Starlink, which will then be resold by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, becoming a Starlink reseller is a strategic investment that will secure Tlingit & Haida's presence in the telecommunications resale market, support other Tribal communities, and aid in funding Tidal Network's operational costs by leveraging Starlink's innovative technology; and

WHEREAS, becoming Starlink's first Tribal reseller is in the Tribe's best interest, as this opportunity for partnership not only enhances Tlingit & Haida's technological infrastructure but also contributes to economic sovereignty and development by opening new revenue streams through the provision of high-quality, reliable internet services to surrounding communities and organizations, in furtherance of Tlingit & Haida's goal of providing broadband access to Tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida, through funding and budgeting provided by the NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) grant awarded in November 2023, plans to purchase HP terminals for DIA, and is also positioned to become the first Tribal reseller of Starlink terminals, totaling \$7,000,000 in investments to enhance broadband access for Tribal citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required to effectuate the purchase of the High Performance terminals using National Telecommunications and Information Administration funds.

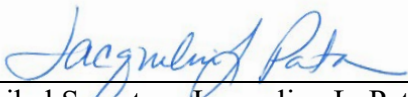
ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2024, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata