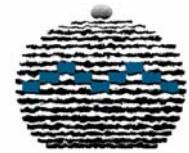


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Cisco Systems, Inc. awards their largest product grant to Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

Anchorage, Alaska -- Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (CITC) has been awarded a \$282,000 product grant from global network giant Cisco Systems, Inc., launching what both organizations anticipate will be a long and mutually-beneficial business partnership. CITC's grant is eight times larger than any other product grant awarded by Cisco in their 20-year philanthropic history.

Cisco Systems, Inc. cares about organizations which directly elevate the quality of life. Cisco supports such organizations with technological expertise to achieve efficiencies in their information technology systems which translates into more dollars that can then be used to augment direct service delivery. Specifically, this grant means improved business processes, improved network performance, reduced costs of voice services, reduced organizational liabilities and preservation of client privacy. The new equipment provided by the grant will establish CITC's core infrastructure providing faster access to network resources and allowing the implementation of *Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP)*.

"This grant is going to enable CITC to be innovative and provide the infrastructure that will ultimately assist CITC to achieve organizational self-determination," said Gloria O'Neill, CITC's President/CEO.

CITC's computer network is currently shared with six CIRI-affiliated Native nonprofits including Cook Inlet Housing Authority which will roll out VoIP technology as a part of the Cisco award. The products available through this grant will be incorporated into the new Nonprofit Services Center in which CITC, the Alaska Native Justice Center, Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, and The CIRI Foundation will co-locate. The new Center is currently under construction and scheduled for completion by December of 2005.

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