



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 21-35

Title: Authorization to Upgrade and Replace Existing Network Infrastructure with Cisco Meraki Equipment

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 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's commitment to the safety of employees, clients, citizens and communities caused the Tribe to deploy a substantial portion of its workforce to a work from home status in order to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, working from home and delivering essential governmental services by distance strained existing capacity and equipment and prompted Tlingit & Haida to initiate a review of network security, speed and reliability; and

WHEREAS, the review concluded that Tlingit & Haida's existing network infrastructure should be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the review further recommended that Cisco Meraki equipment would best address network security, speed and reliability concerns, including protections from cybersecurity threats; and

WHEREAS, the need for addressing strained capacity and equipment persists because the COVID-19 pandemic is not over and the Tribe's need to continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to continue to provide essential governmental services, regardless of the state of pandemic, persists; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's fiscal management policies state that procurement actions exceeding \$250,000 require approval from the Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, after receiving multiple quotes from vendors, the lowest quote to acquire Cisco Meraki equipment was \$270,801.56 and came from Leverage Information Systems;

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 purchase the Cisco Meraki equipment from Leverage Information Systems in or to continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and provide essential governmental services, regardless of the state of the pandemic.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, 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**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe