Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** FORT SILL APACHE TRIBE

**Project Title:** Fort Sill Apache Tribal Learning Center

**Project Type:** Public Computer Center

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Fort Sill Apache Tribal Headquarters is located 2 Miles North of Apache, Oklahoma. Apache has a population of 1,616. The City of Apache has no type of learning center offered locally. The nearest cities that may offer a Computer Center is located 21 miles south (Lawton) and 16 miles North (Anadarko). The area served is not large, but there is still a need since no other Computer Center of established for this area. The number of Tribal members served by the center are both locally and across the country (by videoconferencing). The center itself will target about 15 tribal members. Once an agreement can be made with the local residents the center can have an estimated 20 additionals users. The videoconferencing itself can target up to 150 additional tribal members across the country. This will also allow to broadcast information about our other programs Ex: Environmental Protection Department, Social Service program etc. A majority of the setup work will be provided by Pioneer Telephone Cooperation. The Learning center will also make use of the Information Technology (IT) Staff at the Tribe to assist in daily questions and assist will all other matters. This will be a open center so users should be familiar will their own needs, which can range from using the center for their college or vo-tech courses to basic word processing. This will also show a greater need to the Fort Sill Apache Staff by bringing in a Full-time IT person from part-time. The overall cost of the project is estimated at $92,082. Any future cost or upgrade will be paid for by the Fort Sill Apache Tribe.