SRMT, is a rural and isolated tribal community where access to broadband service is limited or non-existent and most do not even own computers. Lack of computer knowledge and therefore broadband use exacerbates technology and market isolation of the St. Regis Mohawk community; which already suffers chronic unemployment and poverty. Equipment access, instructional training, and self-direction are vital to provide the necessary resources for the Tribe's needs. This results in a computer literate community and a well-trained workforce prepared for global market competition. Without federal assistance, the necessary investments will be severely compromised and potentially unattainable altogether. The Tribe estimates 200 residents will sign up monthly for digital literacy programs, totaling 2500 digital literacy students annually. Regardless of education efforts and business initiatives, unemployment dramatically increased to approximately 11% in January 2010 compared to the New York State average for the same time period. 450 Mohawks lost jobs with the closing of General Motors and another 100 with Alcoa layoffs. The Tribe will coordinate the public computer centers deployment with two key governmental entities: the newly created Mohawk Network and the Tribe’s Administrative Office. The Tribe will also coordinate deployment and annual planning with the Tribe’s community centers, schools, libraries, senior service and Headstart programs. The Tribe will seek financial assistance and mentoring partnerships with the mutually beneficial community businesses. The Tribe will partner with the Educational Development Foundation, a cyber education foundation, providing a teaching curriculum and materials, as well as training for the Public Computer Centers. The project cost will be $1,077,250 to pay for five Public Computer Centers located throughout the Tribal community. $453,250 will be used for computer and other technology equipment, $324,000 for broadband capacity enhancements for the five computer centers and $300,000 for digital literacy. The Tribe will request a 50% federal grant, totaling $538,625. At least 50 jobs will be generated, saved or will be placed through vocational or entrepreneurial efforts fostered through public computer centers, digital literacy and workforce training. The SRMT will provide two positions for Program Management and It Coordinator to support the PCC Program. see attached upload