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Subject: My other gig -- bringing internet to Navajo reservation

Hi there!

Just a quick note to tell you about a project I am proud of – bringing LTE internet to Navajo people. I am the board chairman of the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, which, three years ago, launched a big telecommunications project, got an ARRA grant, and installed 600mi of fiber-optic cable across the reservation. This month and next we are launching a home internet service, and hope to serve 70% of the persons on the reservation.

I believe that a greater connection to the world will unleash the creativity of our young people, and am very excited about it. Now, if we can only get craigslist to treat us as a separate place!

Check it out: http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_23856468/navajo-nation-opens-shiprock-data-center

Note: we are also selling server space.

More info about the utility: www.ntua.com

We are an electric, natural gas, water and wastewater, remote renewable, and telecom utility serving the Navajo Nation.

I hope you are well!

yours,

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