

# **ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TELECOMMUNICATION & BROADBAND**

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# **ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO (ALMR) UPDATE**



# ALMR – FUNDING AND FED RECEIPTS

- Non-DoD Feds \$84,000
- DoD (paid direct contractors) \$233,000
- DoD (paid direct to state) \$54,000
- On-Behalf Munis / NGOs \$500,000
- Maintenance and operations \$3,939,600  
(M&O is SATS and ALMR funds)

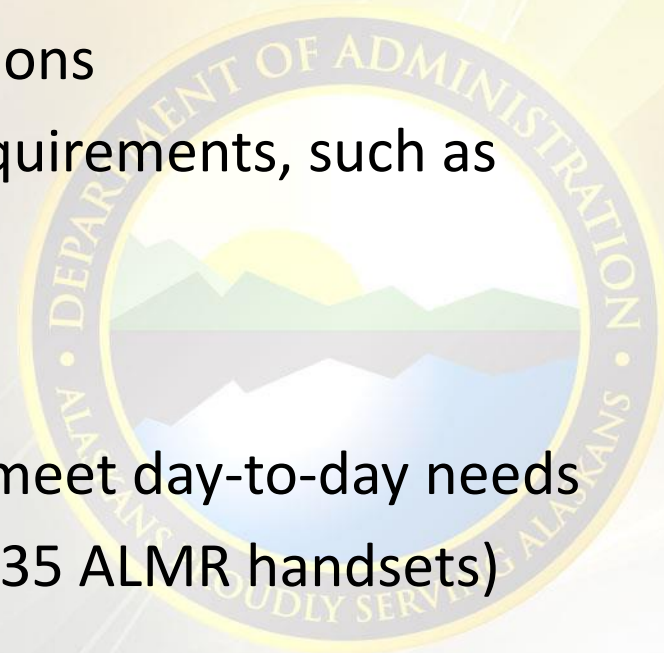
**Governor Budget Request - No new funding for FY15**



# OVERVIEW OF ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO (ALMR)

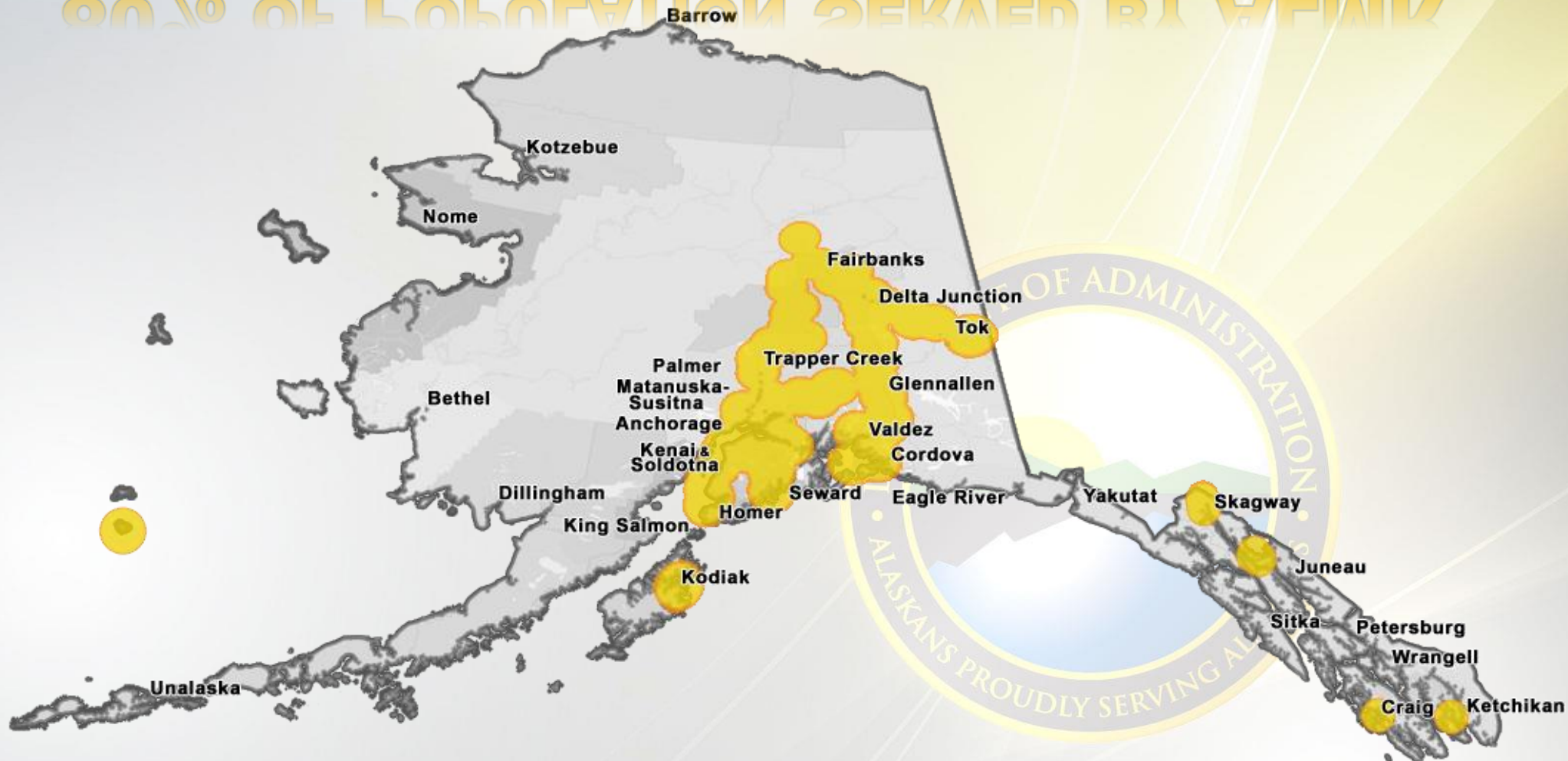
**ALMR is a 24-7-365 communications system, providing public safety radio communications in Alaska**

- Daily operations, DPS, DOT, municipalities, others
- Interoperable emergency use across multiple users and organizations
- Secure, cost-effective communications
- Compliance with FCC and other requirements, such as
  - Narrowbanding
  - Statute, security
  - Multi-frequency waiver
- Lowest cost among alternatives to meet day-to-day needs
- 26,235 2-way radios (including 16,535 ALMR handsets)



# ALMR COVERAGE

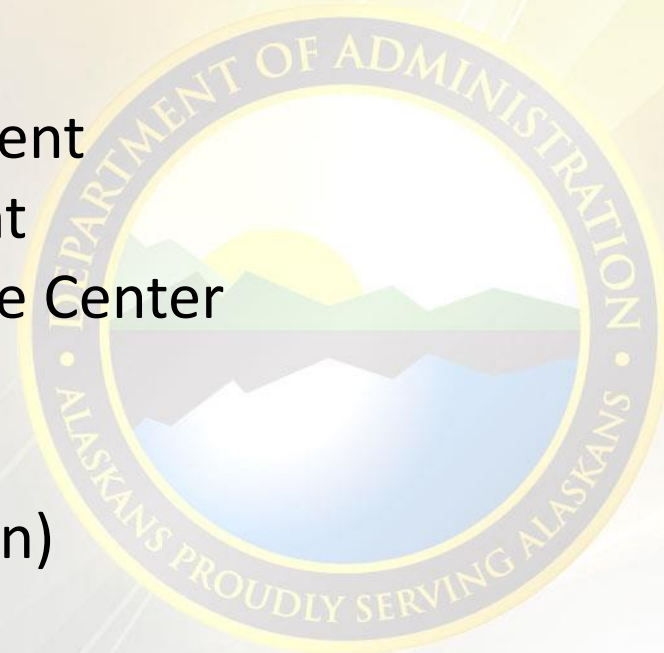
## 80% OF POPULATION SERVED BY ALMR



# WHO USES ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO?

## Typical Users

- Department of Public Safety (Alaska State Troopers)
- Department of Natural Resources (fire season)
- Department of Transportation
- US Bureau of Land Management
- Anchorage Municipal Light and Power
- Fairbanks Fire Department
- Northstar Volunteer Fire Department
- Manley Volunteer Fire Department
- Providence Seward Medical & Care Center
- Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium
- Central Peninsula Hospital
- Delta Rescue Squad (Delta Junction)





# TOTAL NUMBER OF ALMR USERS

## USERS

## SUBSCRIBER UNITS (SUs)\*

State of Alaska	6,325
Department of Defense (DOD)	6,977
Federal Non-DOD	848
<u>Municipalities and NGOs**</u>	<u>7,968</u>
<b>Total SUs</b>	<b>18,988</b>

\* Subscriber Units (SUs) include Handsets (portables) and Vehicle-mounted Sets (mobiles);  
totals as of December 31, 2013

\*\* Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

## WHAT IF...

***Widespread natural or manmade disaster affects a large portion of our state and citizens?***

### **With Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR):**

- Different organizations and first responders can coordinate during a large-scale disaster with true incident command.

### **Without ALMR:**

- Public safety loses the ability to warn the public, evacuate populations, guide/direct first responders, coordinate disaster recovery efforts and prevent or minimize loss of life and property.



# OWNERSHIP OF ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO

## **We own/share it now**

- US Department of Defense (DoD) paid 60%-70% of original capital investment
- Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) current operating cost are similar to comparable state-only system
- Similar state-only system would require significant capital outlay and would not reduce operating costs compared to ALMR – just to achieve the same functionality as the current system

# **RURAL BROADBAND UPDATE**



# GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF SOA STAFFING AND LOCATIONS

Location	Percentage of Staff	Number of Locations
JNU-ANC-FAI	80.00%	204 locations
Kenai-Soldotna-Kodiak	5.00%	58 locations
Palmer-Wasilla – Ea. River	5.00%	35 locations
On the “Road System” inc. SE	5.00%	92 locations
Isolated: served via Satellite	5.00%	81 locations
	<b>TOTAL: 100.00%</b>	<b>TOTAL: 470 locations</b>

*Source: November 2010 ETS data*





# STATE BANDWIDTH ACROSS ALASKA

## State of Alaska - Bandwidth & Distributed Services Matrix

Legend	Customer / Service Demographics						
	Location	Estimated Customers	Calendar Year (CY) 2013			Goal	CY 2014 Notes
			Bandwidth per User (mbps)	Current Bandwidth (mbps)	Avg Latency (ms)		
> 100 mbps	Anchorage	6055	0.050	300.000	23		Optimization Core Site
> 3 mbps	Juneau	5151	0.058	300.000	23		Optimization Core Site
< 3mbps	Fairbanks	2911	0.015	45.000	14		Optimization Core Site
< 1 mbps	Palmer	548	0.018	10.000	3		
< 1 mbps/high latency	Bethel	400	0.019	7.650	611	X	Site for Optimization & TERRA Broadband Pilots. Results indicate the State can replace the 7 bonded circuits and with a single 3mbps TERRA circuit paired with Optimization appliances (hardware software) and achieve better performance.
Opportunities	Kenai	383	0.026	10.000	11		Optimization Pilot Site
SATS	Wasilla	366	0.027	10.000	4		
No Chargeback but ETS pays \$3 million annually.	Kodiak	315	0.032	10.000	37		
	Ketchikan	313	0.064	20.000	6	40 mbps (award)	Upgrade Complete - 40mbps
	Elmendorf AFB	243	0.006	1.500			
	Eagle River	213	0.014	3.000	30		
	Sitka	207	0.007	1.500	64	10 mbps	Upgraded Complete - 20mbps
	Douglas	190	0.105	20.000	3		
	Soldotna	186	0.242	45.000	5		
	Homer	106	0.094	10.000	5		
	Seward	105	0.190	20.000	9		
	Delta Junction	81	0.037	3.000	36		
	Dillingham	76	0.006	0.448	3005	X	Bid Complete / Cost Concerns / Optimization Pilot Site
	Valdez	68	0.044	3.000	34	3 mbps (diverse)	
	Cordova	60	0.050	3.000	46		
	Petersburg	59	0.012	0.704	28	5 mbps (award)	Upgrade Complete - 5mbps
	Glennallen	49	0.031	1.500	30		
	Tok	37	0.081	3.000	40		
	Haines	37	0.041	1.500	208	5 mbps (award)	Upgrade Complete - 5mbps
	Nome	32	0.028	0.896	978	X	Bid Complete / Cost Concerns / Optimization Pilot Site
	Kotzebue	30	0.026	0.768	29	X	Bid Complete / Cost Concerns / Optimization Pilot Site
	Dutch Harbor	29	0.009	0.256	574	X	Bid Complete / Cost Concerns / Optimization Pilot Site
	Fort Richardson	26	0.058	1.500			
	King Salmon	21	0.037	0.768	573	X	Bid Complete / Cost Concerns
	Craig	19	0.027	0.512	13	3 mbps (award)	Upgrade Complete - 3mbps
	Fort Wainwright	18	0.556	10.000			
	Auke Bay	18	0.167	3.000			
	Skagway	15	0.021	0.320	4	1.5 mbps (award)	Upgrade Complete - 1.5 mbps
	Wrangell	15	0.043	0.640	10	3 mbps (award)	Upgrade Complete - 3mbps
	McGrath	14	0.107	1.500	570	X	
	Barrow	12	0.059	0.704	604	X	
	Yakutat	11	0.023	0.256	566	X	
	Klawock	11	0.051	0.560		1.5 mbps	
	TOTAL	18430					

# RURAL BANDWIDTH ACCELERATION

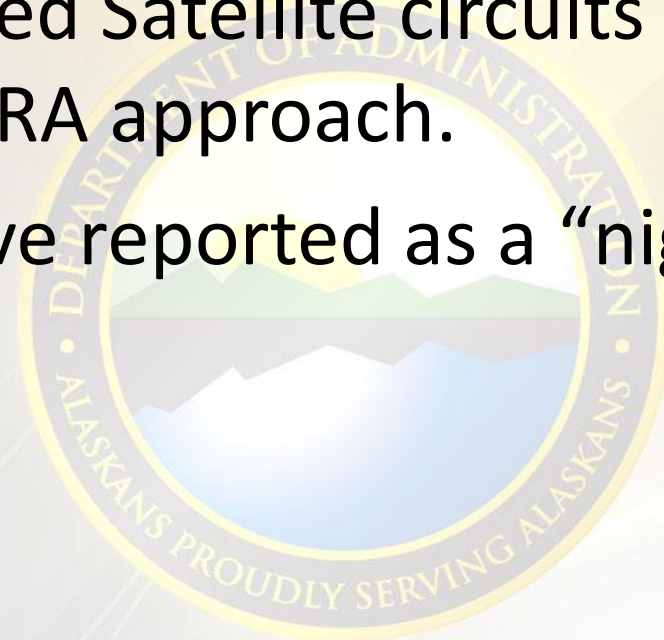
## Rural Bandwidth Acceleration Pilot Program

- **Proof of Concept** - The project tested the combination of architectural changes to optimize traffic for the Dillingham and Bethel offices.
- The testing showed using Optimization Appliances (combination of hardware and software) ETS was able to provide an average of 20-40% reduction or compression of network traffic.
- **Pilot Program** - The pilot is deploying technology to Dillingham, Bethel, Kotzebue, and Dutch Harbor as the initial remote locations which will be activated.

# RURAL BANDWIDTH ACCELERATION

## Bethel Dual-Pilot

- In Bethel ETS has been testing the use of WAN optimization appliances and the new GCI TERRA offering. Test data indicates that the State may be able to replace the 7 bonded Satellite circuits with a hybrid Optimization/TERRA approach.
- Through testing - users have reported as a “night and day improvement”.

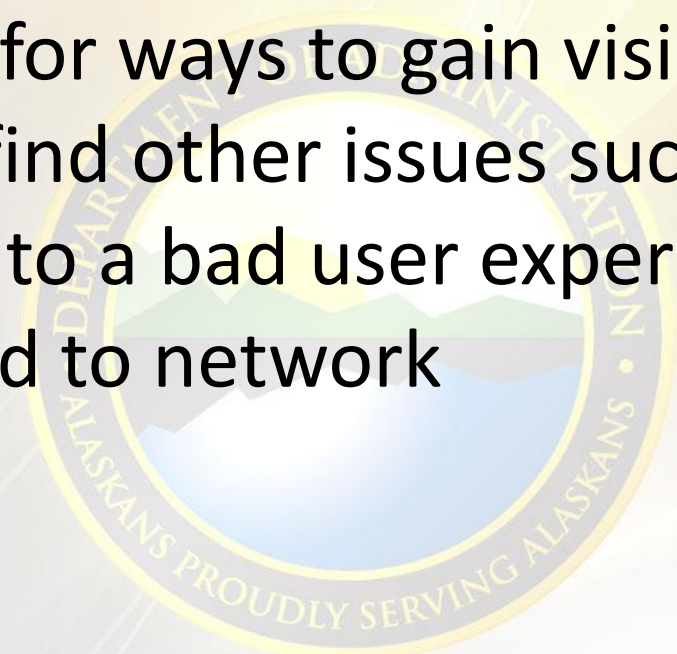




# RURAL BANDWIDTH ACCELERATION

## Department Application Changes

- ETS has worked with one agency and was able to identify an application issue as the cause of slow performance and not network congestion.
- We are continuing to look for ways to gain visibility and collaboration to help find other issues such as this which may contribute to a bad user experience that are not directly related to network performance.



# QUINTILLION – EXPANDED COVERAGE

## Network Overview

- **Scope:** \$620 million subsea cable project from Tokyo to London through the lower Northwest Passage that provides both transoceanic and domestic connectivity
- **International:** Landings at Ajigaura, Japan and Highbridge, England with opportunity for separate branches into Cork, Ireland and Tomakomai, Japan
  - Trans-Pacific Route Tokyo to Seattle in consideration and would provide lowest latency route across the Pacific
- **Arctic North America: Phase I**
  - Alaska spurs: Prudhoe Bay, Barrow, Wainwright, Pt Hope, Kotzebue and Nome. Shemya subject to Federal Govt. approval. Unalaska under consideration for construction with trans-Pacific route.
  - Nunavut, Canada spurs: Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Cape Dorset, Hall Beach, Igloolik and Iqaluit

# QUINTILLION – EXPANDED COVERAGE

## Network Overview, continued

- **In Service Dates:** Arctic Alaska and Canada Q1 2016; International Q3 2016
- **International Demand Drivers:**
  - Physically diverse route from Europe to Asia
  - Avoids physical trouble spots – fish trawling, anchorage
  - Two fibre pairs avoid USA landings
  - Avoids politically risky areas – Egypt terrestrial crossing
  - Reduces network congestion in NY/NJ cable stations
  - Lowest latency route from Tokyo to London (153 ms)
  - Measurable ROI from ULL routes for financials and Internet companies
- **Arctic Demand Drivers:**
  - Most Arctic communities in Canada and Alaska are dependent on high-cost satellite
  - Fixed wireless options often cost as much or more than satellite with limited capacity
  - Economic and resource development constrained by lack of true high-speed, affordable broadband

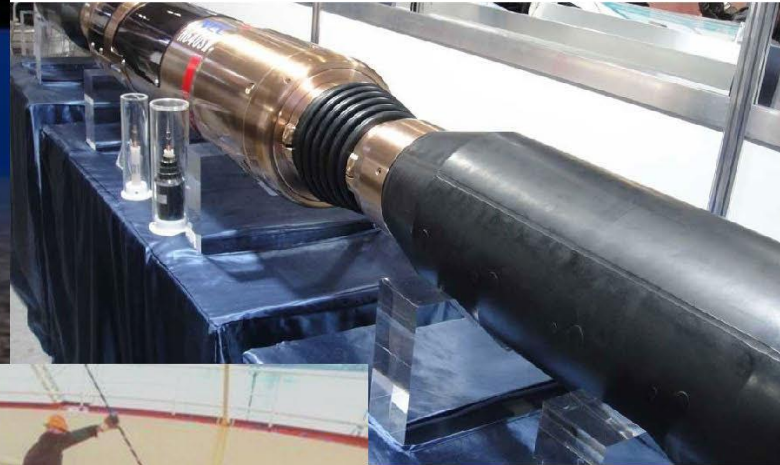
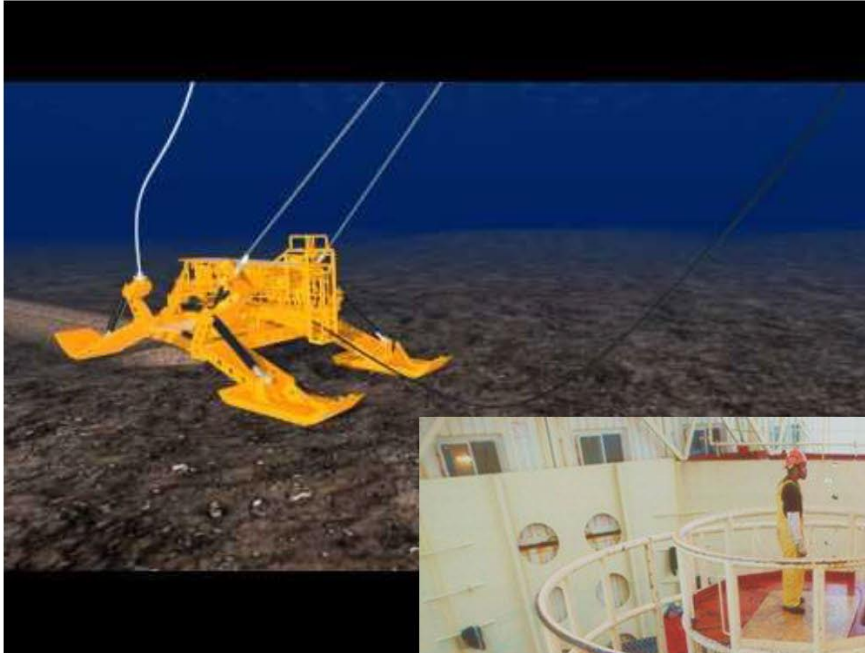


# QUINTILLION – EXPANDED COVERAGE

## How Alaska Benefits

- **UNDERSERVED**
- **URBAN COMPARABILITY**
- **AFFORDABILITY**
- **EDUCATION**
- **HEALTH CARE**
- **GOVERNMENT**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY**

# QUINTILLION – EXPANDED COVERAGE



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# QUINTILLION – EXPANDED COVERAGE

## Lower Costs Improve Affordability

- Joint build with Arctic Fibre provides substantial capital cost reduction
- Industry cooperation reduces overhead and avoids duplicate costs: collocation of landing sites with existing COs, outsourced O&M to local providers provides faster response times
- Substantially lower cost of operation than microwave or satellite
- Competition on product, price and service at user interface instead of on backhaul
- Provides more affordable base for connecting neighboring communities
- Design creates a redundant ring around Alaska

***Quintillion is committed to pricing that spurs broadband at rates substantially lower than current services in rural Alaska!***

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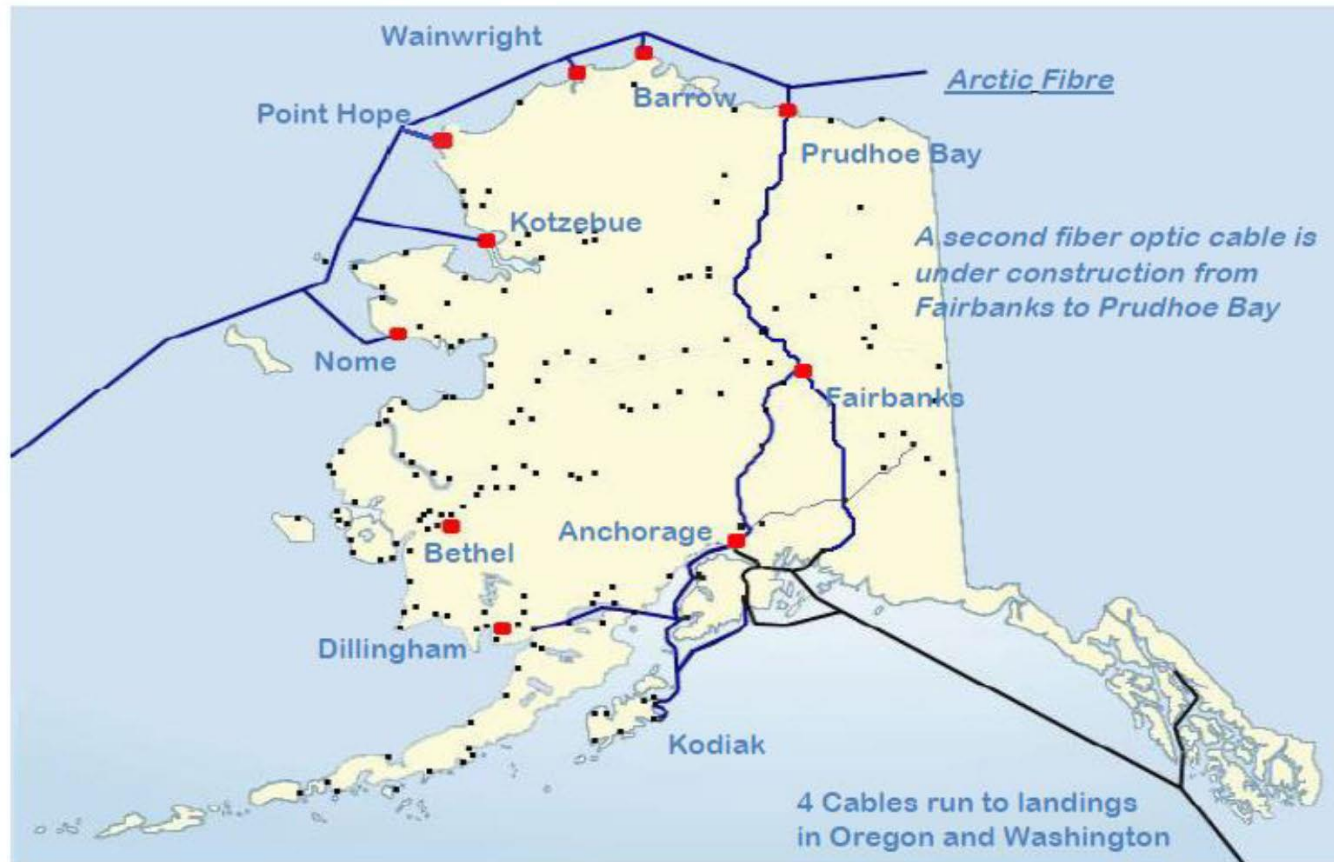
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## Quintillion Networks – 100G Network

- Quintillion Networks will add new broadband capacity with subsea fiber optic cable builds to Phase I Alaska Landing Sites:
  - Funded Landings: Nome, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Wainwright, Barrow, & Prudhoe Bay
  - Under Consideration Landings: Unalaska and Shemya
- Day 1 Deployment to deliver up to 100 Gbps per landing
- The Alaska Middle Mile Network landscape will change:
  - Significant price reduction to last mile providers in affected markets
  - Middle mile open to all service providers encourages competition on product, price and service at the last mile
  - Provides real broadband to currently under and un-served areas

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Reach of FOC in Alaska substantially improved: Map of all FOC by 2016



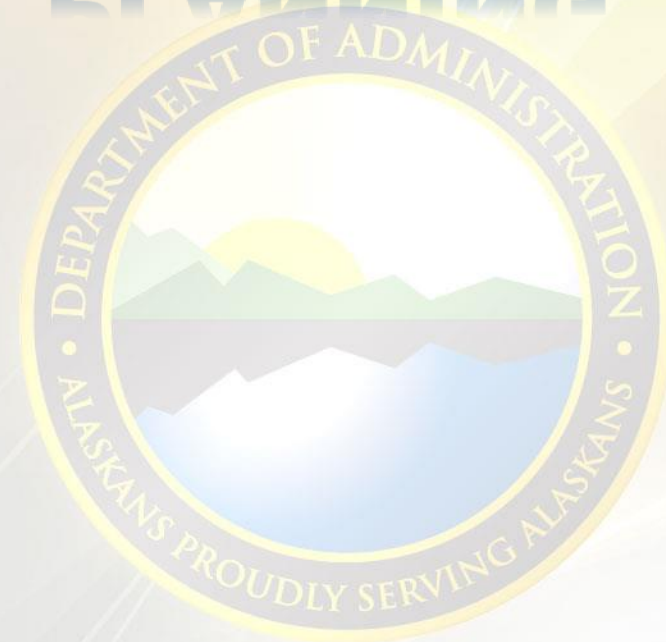
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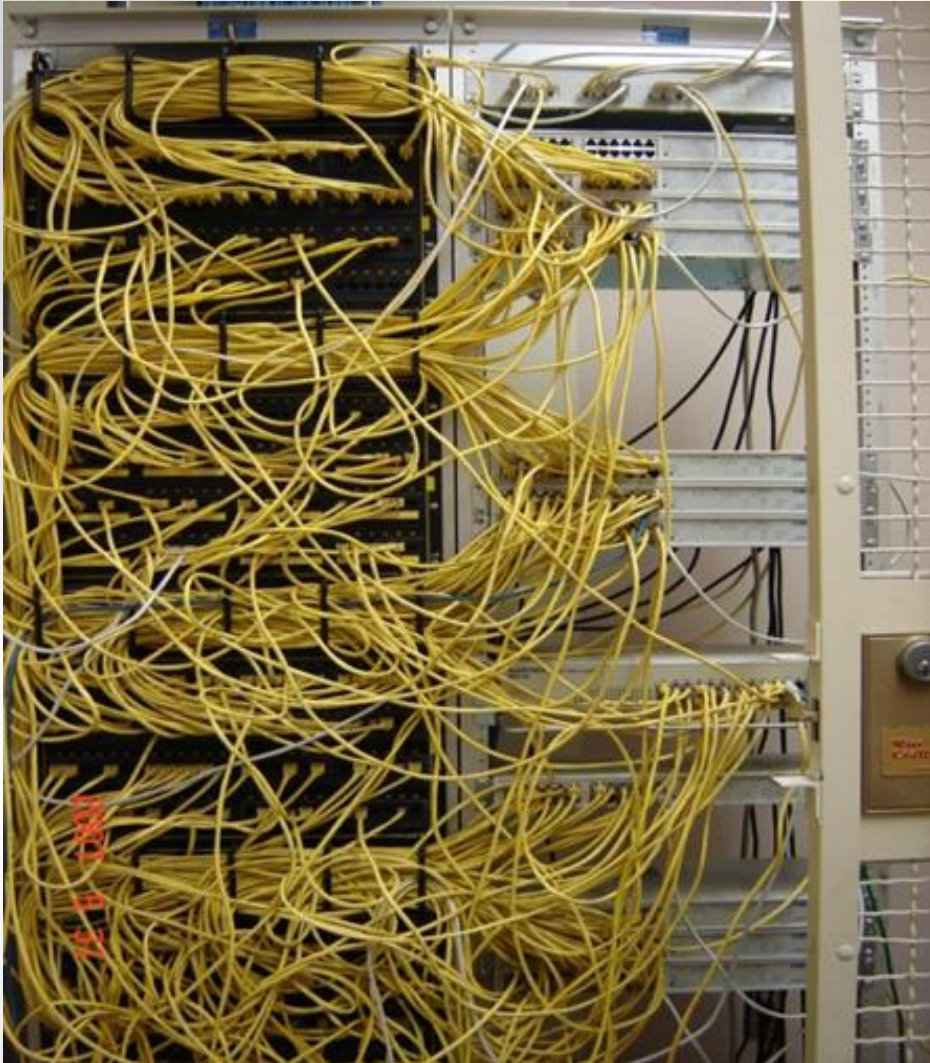


# STRATEGIC IT PLANNING





# SADC – STATE CLOUD



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# STATE CLOUD

## What it is:

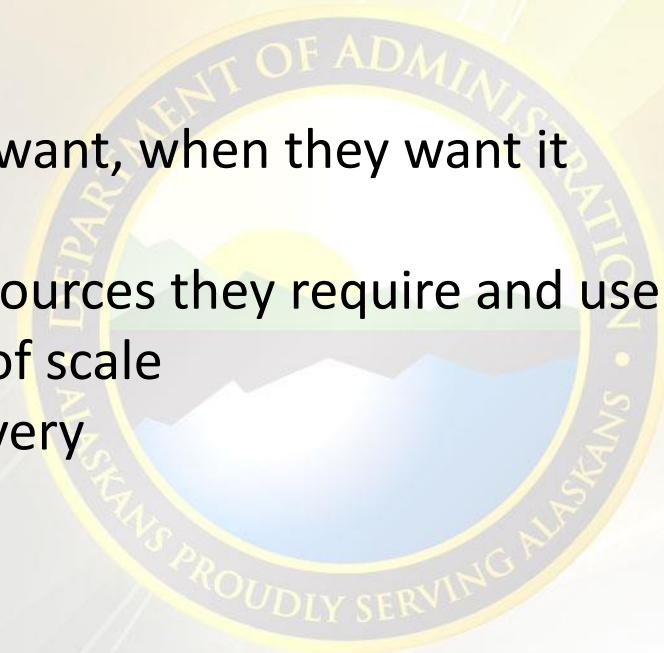
Private Cloud Server Hosting is a method of partitioning a physical computer into multiple servers. These “servers” can then be provisioned for customers for their private use. To the customer, it appears as a dedicated server, but it is actually a virtual server housed among many on one large computer.

## Key Features:

- Delivered or removed on demand
- Customer only pays for what they want, when they want it
- Scalable
- The customer pays for only the resources they require and use
- Reduced cost through economies of scale
- Secure and includes Disaster Recovery

## What it is not:

- Legacy Systems (Mainframe)
- Applications





# STATE CLOUD – SECURE, MULTI-TENANT

- Hot and cold aisle technology
- Redundant Power, Cooling, and UPS (Battery) backup
- Lights out remote management
- Secure
- Quicker deploy times
- Cost Savings
- Faster speed to the WAN





# STATE CLOUD CUSTOMERS

- ETS currently hosts over 650 virtual servers located throughout Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks.
- Division of Finance for its IRIS System: 27 virtual servers.
- Department of Health and Social Services for its ARIES System: 22 virtual servers in Phase 1, and another 22 in Phase 2.
- ETS for Messaging and Directory Services: 86 highly customized servers, with 165TB of storage.
- Department of Revenue for its TRMS System: 20 virtual servers.

# STATE CLOUD - SERVICES

## Managed:

- Our Managed Hosting offering allows the customer to focus on the application and service delivery.
- In this model, ETS is responsible for the entire infrastructure up through the operating systems (OS).
- This includes network, server, storage maintenance and licensing, OS management, security, overall system backup/restore, and disaster recovery.
- This is provided on our Secure Multi-Tenant State Cloud offering.

# STATE CLOUD - SERVICES

## Un-Managed:

- In our Un-Managed Hosting offering, ETS is responsible for the infrastructure up to the hardware that supports the customer's system.
- The customer is responsible for the OS and any hosted applications or services deployed on those systems.
- In this model, ETS support includes network, server, storage maintenance, and licensing. It does not include OS management, support, and security.
- The overall system backup/restore, and disaster recovery roles are defined in the detailed SLA with the customer.



## ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE

- ETS is helping State Agencies reduce cost and maintenance by leveraging Enterprise licensing
  - Email
  - VMWare
  - Microsoft



# BANDWIDTH

- Rural bandwidth is very expensive; 75% of the bandwidth budget is rural long haul
- Likely to be 3-5 years before rural private wan circuits, primarily Terra, will be competitive
- Could partner with municipal, federal, courts, university organizations
- Average 10% increase per year traffic increase affecting mostly long haul (between cities) & internet pipes
- managing traffic growth with filtering, caching & optimization
- New Alaskan technology solutions with likely cost reductions from providers
- Session Initiation protocol - IP networking for phone traffic (replace caller ID PRI lines - \$800 MRC)

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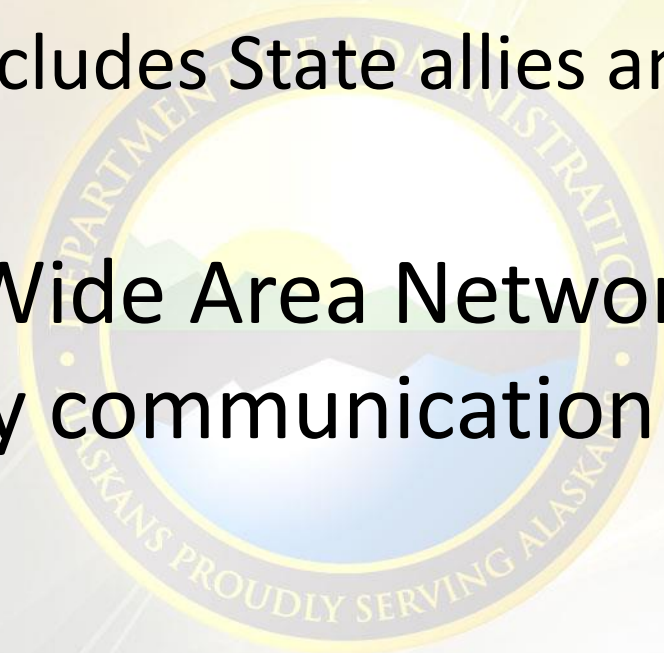
- State of Alaska Telecommunication System
- Approximately 150 communication sites
- Variegated transport methods
  - Terrestrial microwave
  - Fiber optic cabling
  - Copper wire
  - Two-way radio
  - Satellite links





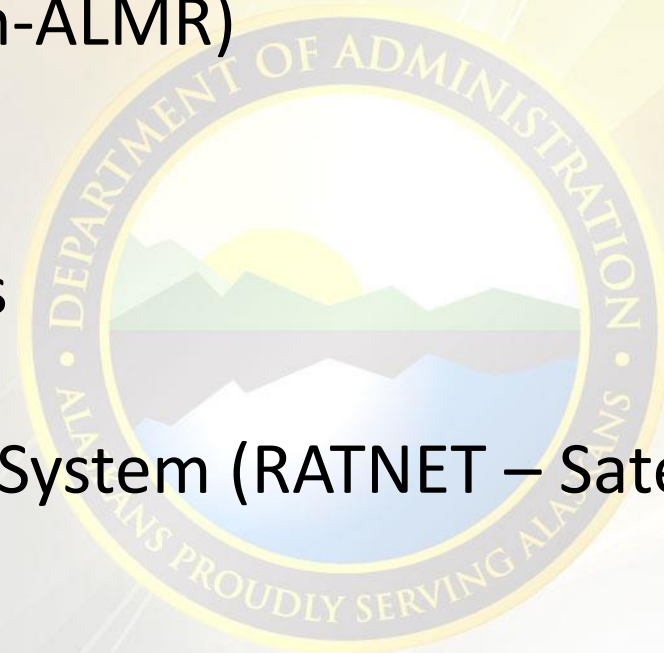
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- The overall System is owned by the State and managed by ETS
  - Comprised of over 12,000 separate pieces of communication equipment
  - Equipment ownership includes State allies and Federal agencies
- Backbone of the State Wide Area Network (WAN) and Public Safety communication system.



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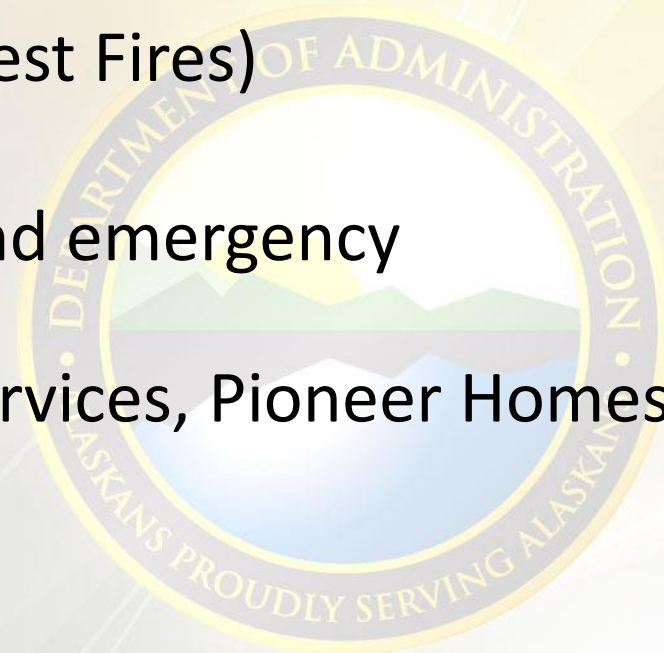
- Voice traffic – telephones
- Data traffic – WAN
- Seismic equipment and data transport
- SCADA equipment and data – Four Dam Pool support
- Differential GPS equipment and data
- Conventional 2-way radio (non-ALMR)
- Trunked 2-way radio (ALMR)
- Video Conferencing
- Highway emergency call-boxes
- Paging
- Alaska Rural Communications System (RATNET – Satellite TV)
- Railroad collision avoidance



# SATS - CUSTOMERS

## State Agencies

- DPS – AST – Public Safety
- ARR – Alaska Railroad Operations
- DOT Highway maintenance and operations
- DEC Environmental Conservation
- DNR – Forestry and Parks (Forest Fires)
- DOC – Corrections
- DMVA – Homeland security and emergency communications
- DHSS – Emergency Medical Services, Pioneer Homes, Juvenile Justice
- Alaska Energy Authority





# SATS - CUSTOMERS

## Non-State Agencies

- Federal
  - DHS – Homeland security
  - DoD – Defense
  - FBI – Investigations
  - Secret Service
- Municipal
  - Police
  - Fire
  - Health and Safety
- Utilities
  - Power plants
  - Hydroelectric dam



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