



GTT and Caliber Financial Services Partner to Bring High-Speed Internet to the Otoe-Missouria Reservation

- *Internet connectivity solution brings higher speed and more reliable broadband to the Otoe-Missouria tribal community*
- *Benefits businesses, schools, healthcare services and overall residential quality of life on the reservation*

MCLEAN, Va., September 21, 2022 — [GTT Communications, Inc.](#), a leading global provider of managed network and security services to multinational organizations, and [Caliber Financial Services](#), a tribally chartered corporation wholly owned by the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, have partnered to bring high-speed internet to the Otoe-Missouria Reservation. This high-speed connectivity solution will improve the quality of internet services to the families and businesses located in and around the Otoe-Missouria Reservation in rural north central Oklahoma.

“The pandemic has reinforced the urgent need to close the digital divide that many Native American tribes face,” said John Shotton, Otoe-Missouria tribal chairman. “We are grateful for the partnership between Caliber and GTT to help elevate the quality of life enjoyed by the Otoe-Missouria people and drive further economic development for years to come. Broadband services are a vitally important lifeline for our schools, businesses, healthcare services and all other aspects of community life that rely on a modern telecommunications infrastructure.”

“We are very pleased that our partnership with GTT allows us to bring improved connectivity to Caliber Financial Services while also serving the Otoe-Missouria community as a whole,” stated Doug Oliveira, chief technology officer at Caliber Financial Services. “We selected GTT not only for their expansive internet backbone and stellar track record as a provider of high-speed connectivity solutions, but the team at GTT demonstrated an exceptional passion and dedication to support this type of broadband development project. We are proud that Caliber, as a tribally chartered corporation wholly owned by the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, has self-funded an infrastructure project with such far-reaching benefits to the Otoe-Missouria community.”

“GTT is honored to be partnering with Caliber to bring faster and more reliable internet services to the Otoe-Missouria community while also providing more resilient connectivity to vital data center and cloud resources,” said Jim Delis, GTT division president, Americas. “We understand the importance of a modern broadband infrastructure to participate in the digital economy and keep our communities connected and thriving. We look forward to building on our partnership with Caliber, and we are passionately committed to pursuing other opportunities to contribute toward broadband improvements in Indian Country.”

A study published by the American Indian Policy Institute in 2019 estimated that 18% of tribal reservation residents have no internet access, while 33% rely on smartphones for internet service. This is largely the result of most reservations having been established in remote locations with very limited infrastructure.

GTT's connectivity solution includes a 10G Ethernet point-to-point circuit, connecting Caliber's data center facility located in Red Rock, Oklahoma, with its Kansas City, Missouri, data center. The solution also includes a 10G dedicated internet circuit connecting the Red Rock data center to GTT's industry-leading global Tier 1 IP network, which also provides direct connections to the major cloud service providers.

In addition, GTT deployed a 10G dedicated internet circuit at the Red Rock data center facility to connect a newly installed tower providing Wi-Fi access to users on the Otoe-Missouria reservation. The new Wi-Fi tower footprint upgrades the broadband infrastructure serving the Otoe-Missouria community, enabling businesses to connect to their customers and suppliers faster and allowing students to connect to the internet and the cloud more reliably and securely.

About GTT

GTT is a managed network and security services provider to global organizations. We design and deliver solutions that leverage advanced cloud, networking and security technologies. We complement our solutions with a suite of professional services and exceptional sales and support teams in local markets around the world. We serve thousands of national and multinational companies with a portfolio that includes SD-WAN, security, Internet, voice and other connectivity options. Our services are uniquely enabled by our top-ranked, global, Tier 1 IP backbone, which spans more than 260 cities on six continents. The company culture is built on a customer-first service experience reinforced by our commitment to operational excellence and continuous improvement in our business, environmental, social and governance practices. For more information, visit www.gtt.net.

About the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians

The Otoe-Missouria Tribe has more than 3,300 members located throughout the United States. The tribe was relocated from Nebraska to Indian Territory in 1881. Today, they are one of the largest employers in Kay and Noble County, Oklahoma, with five casinos, two convenience stores, gas stations, propane company, entertainment center, cattle ranch, hotel and waterpark.

About Caliber Financial Services

Caliber Financial Services Inc. is a tribally chartered corporation and wholly owned by the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians. Caliber provides professional management services to the financial services sector, including the Tribe's consumer lending portfolios. Tribal financial services businesses generate revenue that supports social programs critical to the Tribe's members, such as elder care, educational scholarships, after-school programs, public safety, and improvements to housing and infrastructure. For more information on Caliber Financial Services, please visit www.caliberfs.com.

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