

NEW HIGH SPEED INTERNET PARTNERSHIP: Westman Communications Group, Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Brandon MB, June 6, 2005 -- Westman Communications Group (Westman) provides wireless High Speed Internet direct to its customers, communities and to third party vendors. They are pleased to announce that they are supplying wireless High Speed Internet to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation.

Dave Baxter, President and CEO of Westman Communications Group explains, "Westman is now providing the wireless High Speed Internet connection to Sioux Valley and Sioux Valley is offering service to their customers. This arrangement provides the opportunity for Sioux Valley to hire and train local people to install and maintain Internet services for its residents. It's a win-win solution and we're pleased we could play a part," he added.

Vince Tacan, Chief of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation stated that its Internet distribution system is up and running, and installations are being completed as required. He adds, "We had challenges with the previous Internet supplier and we believe this arrangement with Westman is better suited to our situation. Westman has a track record for high quality, reliable service that we appreciate. Our businesses can enhance their operations through the Internet and the wholesale arrangement enables us to hire and train local people. All this helps to stimulate our economy. And we're providing broadband High Speed Internet throughout our community, so all of our citizens can have the same access as individuals in larger communities."

About Westman Communications Group

Westman is a customer-focused company providing leadership in communication and information technology products and services in cable TV, fibre optics, wireless networking, computer networks, data transport, Internet, advertising and broadcasting. Westman Communications Group is the operating name for Westman Media Cooperative Ltd., which provides service throughout Western Manitoba. As a customer-owned cooperative, Westman is proud of its strong commitment to its customers and the communities it serves.

About Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation is situated 45 kilometres west of Brandon, on 10,220 acres of land. The population structure includes nearly 1,900 members. The Dakota Nation's preservation of the culture and heritage are tremendously important to the people. A well-established traditional atmosphere is the base Sioux Valley continues to expand upon. The factors of locality, beauty of the landscape and dedication of the Dakota Nation assures and enforces the potential for economic development in the community.

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