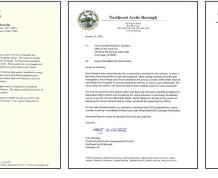


#### LEADERS VOICE THEIR CONCERNS

"A cash economy and high-speed internet has changed the way we live, work, and socialize. While many rural Alaskans enjoy the advantages of urban living, it is easy to see in an emergency, like the one we currently and collectively face, those privileges, sometimes life-saving, do not benefit Alaskans and rural Americans equitably.... The cost of 6Mbps download residential service with a 40GB monthly data cap in Bethel is \$165/month and in Kotzebue \$150/month. In Dillingham the cost is \$165/month for 6Mbps download and 100GB data cap. This makes it cost-prohibitive for the average family in rural Alaska to purchase high-speed Internet. That can leave 82 percent of Alaskan communities without an affordable option to provide distance education to children or the option to telework." Robert Beans, Chair – Andrew Guy, President/CEO at Calista Corporation – March 20, 2020

"SWAMC recognizes the great value of a project like PDI's, given the strong need for broadband access is critical to enhance economic development and support ongoing educational efforts as well as other business opportunities in our region. Much of our region will not see this occur without the Aurora HTS system as they are not, nor will they be, served by the GCI undersea cable project that will connect 7 of our 55 communities to the critically needed service. There is no one size fits all solution to Alaska's broadband needs, and the PDI project is clearly the answer to much of our region and the State." Shirley Marquardt, Executive Director at SWAMC – January 10, 2021









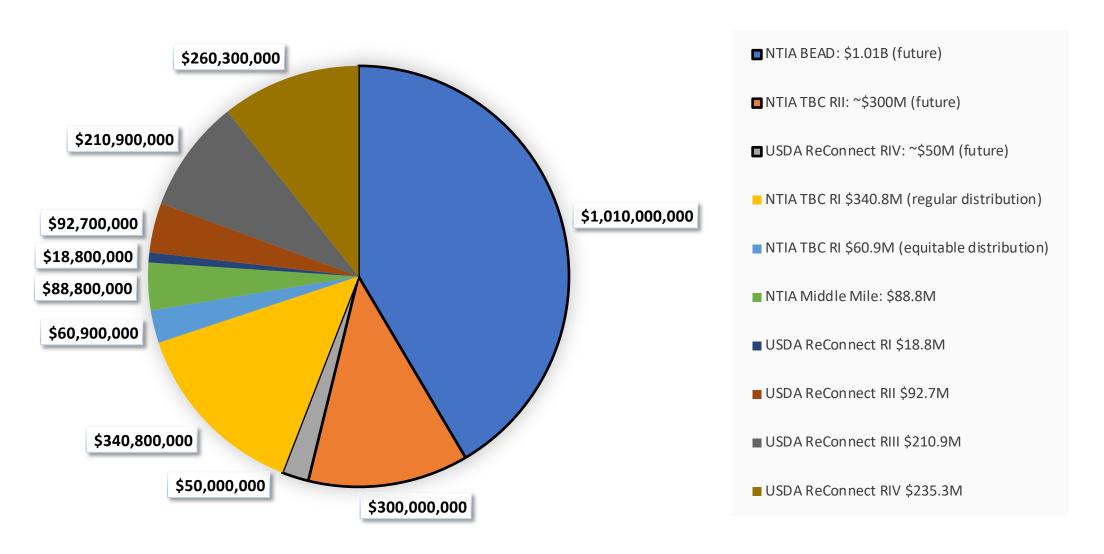




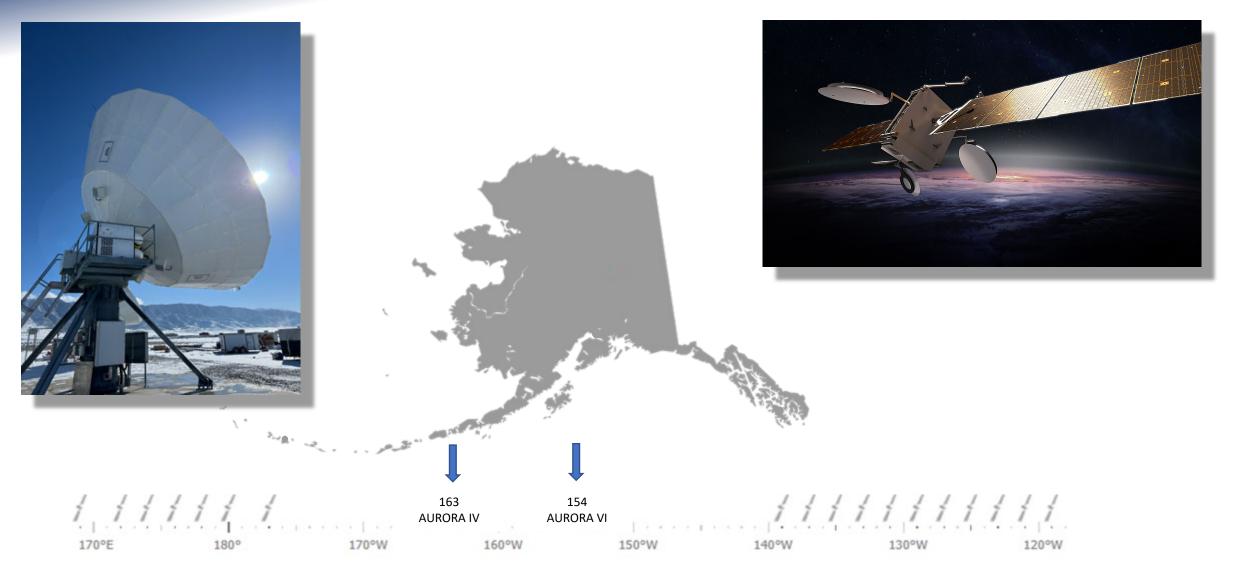
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