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The Kaska Dena Nation, in partnership with the ICT Development Group, is developing an integrated web-based information network to manage and share traditional knowledge among various Kaska communities in northern British Columbia and the Yukon. Through this initiative, the Kaska will benefit from improved communication and decision-support tools related to natural resource management, health and education, while protecting their sacred knowledge.

ICT Development Group

Linking people and land information

The ICT Development Group creates people-centered solutions to link people to information about their land, natural resources and intellectual property. By incorporating participatory approaches and capacity-building initiatives, they provide demand-driven information networks that meet the needs of various end users while ensuring sustainability.

The ICT Development Group will help the Council achieve important social and economic benefits for all members of the Kaska Nation.

This unique approach to information management meets a particular need for the protection of traditional knowledge by granting secure access to some content while providing public access to non-proprietary content.

The ICT Development Group facilitates the participation of communities in the information society by providing access to information and building customized tools for knowledge management.

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Kaska Dena Nation

Improving our quality of life and connecting to the world

The vision of the Kaska community is to achieve full access to a wide variety of critical information via the Internet to support applications such as e-learning, tele-health and natural resource management. This opportunity will allow Kaska communities to share information with one another as well as with individuals and organizations across the country and throughout the world.

An important aspect of their connectivity strategy is the management of their traditional knowledge and its dissemination among Kaska peoples. It is this traditional knowledge that provides the framework for the Kaska's interaction with each other and with their surroundings.

The Kaska Dena Council is actively seeking opportunities and partnerships to further support its participation in the information society, and build capacity for local knowledge management.

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USES information and communication technologies as an innovative mechanism to integrate technology and traditional knowledge to enable the Kaska to enrich their culture, strengthen their identity and better manage their land and resources.

PROVIDES high-speed Internet and communication tools such as web-enabled portals to empower traditional knowledge holders to participate in the knowledge-based economy and information society by collecting, managing and preserving their traditional knowledge.

BUILDS capacity and ownership within the Kaska to ensure sustainable knowledge dissemination, while conserving their environment, and educating others about the Kaska culture and history.