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Solutions through collaboration

The Arctic Economic Council's Connectivity Working Group seeks the solutions to connect even the most remote parts of the Arctic to the world to stimulate the economic growth in the region. There is a need for improved connectivity to meet user needs, and Arctic conditions impose significant barriers to achieving that goal. Solution are sought through collaboration with the members and stakeholders on national and international level. As a long term strategy the Connectivity Working Group improves the cross-sector collaboration by creating structures that facilitate effective communication among Arctic business segments, governments, academia and social groups.

Infrastructure that benefits all

The Arctic is a vast and diverse region that spans across multiple countries and continents with harsh climate which brings significant challenges for network providers to overcome. Many regions in the Arctic area lack basic infrastructure and are sparsely populated, which cause them to remain in the early stages of economic development. This is where the Connectivity Working Group focuses its main efforts. The change is encouraged by lowering the barriers of network infrastructure deployment through collaboration and actions such as regulatory reform and standardization.

Benefits to members

Members participating in the **Connectivity Working Group** provide insight on their field of speciality and work on creating solutions to connect the remote parts of the Arctic to the rest of the world. Members gain invaluable insight on the solutions, opportunities and standardization in the Arctic area. There is also an opportunity to develop common industry models for cooperation and other economic developments.

Membership in the Connectivity Working Group will consist of experts nominated by the members of the AEC and potentially also of invited subject matter experts as relevant. The work of the **Connectivity Working Group** is led by **Dr Pam Lloyd**.

Dr. Pam Lloyd. Dr. Lloyd has a Ph.D. in transformational leadership in the digital age from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. As the Vice President, Dr. Lloyd provides strategic leadership and management for GCI Government, Healthcare, and Education. Prior to joining GCI, she worked with the Anchorage School District (ASD) for 15 years. Dr. Lloyd is a leader in Alaska's distance learning community, representing the ASD in the AK20 and Alaska Distance Education Consortium.



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