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Ms. Peltier Yawakie (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) is the President and co-founder of Turtle Island Communications, Inc. (TICOM). TICOM has provided telecommunication consulting services to tribal governments and organizations that are focused on improving services that align with their respective economic development goals. She co-convened and co-managed two National American Indian Telecommunication Workshops, in June 1998 and February 1999. She was employed as a Project Manager with Hicks & Ragland Engineering, where she defined and initiated projects for independent telephone companies, with an emphasis on marketing services to tribal nations. She also worked as an independent consultant with the Racelis Group for a Great Plains tribal client to acquire an existing telecommunications company. Madonna served as a Project Manager responsible for overseeing, and managing a virtual team of engineers, lawyers, and financial consultants.

Madonna also was employed with US West Communications. The positions she held included manager for an inventory management team, service specialist supporting sales, technology specialist for rural marketing, and market manager for the US West Tribal Nations Market. While with US West, she served as an Advisory Panel Member to the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment's August 1995 report on Telecommunications Technology and Native Americans.

Prior to her US West employment, she served five years as a Production Planner for Allied-Bendix Aerospace in Kansas City, Missouri.

In March 1999, Madonna provided testimony to the Federal Communications Commission on "Obstacles to Improving Telephone Service on Indian Lands." She presently serves as an Advisor for the National Institute of Health's Tribal Connections Project at the University of Washington.

Madonna has an A.A. in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Junior College, a B.S. in Business Administration, and a Masters degree in Community and Regional Planning from North Dakota State University.

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