Report by Council Member Paul J. McEvers

"For three years, I have pushed to make the Blackfeet a leader in technology to drive new business and economic development and to improve governance, operations, communication with members, and image-building for the tribe. We are now making incredible strides very quickly."

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I am very excited to have had a part in the launch of the new Blackfeet Nation Tribal website — it is something I have been pushing for since I was elected. Here's an amazing fact: in the two weeks since the new website went live we have had over 7,500 new visitors, with nearly 50,000 pages visited! And people are already spending a lot of time on the website: an average of over 10 minutes, which is unheard of for a tribal website. And every week there is more content and features being added and visitor count just keeps getting bigger and bigger.

I also have been pushing hard for three years for the Tribe to get into the technology business to pursue large federal contracts. So I am proud to have played a role in launching Chief Mountain Technologies (CMT), a 100% Blackfeet firm. As a point of reference, CMT will be doing the same sort of IT Services work as S&K Technologies and other lower-48 and Alaskan tribally-owned firms that have been very good money-makers and have created a large number of career-track jobs.

Heart Butte High School Students; Councilman Paul J. McEvers; Miss Blackfeet, Latesha Yazzi; Blackfeet Manpower Representative, Ms. Thomalis Mad Plume; Blackfeet Elder, Mr. Al Potts, Chairman, Willie A. Sharp; and Blackfeet Indian Housing Authority Director, Mr. Ray Wilson

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