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HAUDENOSAUNEE CONFEDERACY SIGN CONTRACT WITH SIEMENS TO PRODUCE NEW ID CARD AND PASSPORT

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The Chiefs, Clanmothers, Faithkeepers, and people of the Mohawk Nation extend greetings and offer thanksgiving. The Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs is pleased to announce that after two years of hard work, the Haudenosaunee Grand Council of Chiefs have signed a contract with Siemens for the production of new Haudenosaunee identification cards and passports.

For over 160 years, Siemens has been a technological leader in the area electrical engineering and electronics. Through its corporate experience and thorough technological expertise, Siemens will provide the Haudenosaunee with the most advanced and secure ID technology demanded by the international community. The Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs is confident that this partnership will enable the Haudenosaunee to effectively assert its sovereign jurisdiction over identity and citizenship.

As the contract is now signed, work shall begin immediately with the implementation of the various stages required to develop the necessary infrastructure required within each nation, as well as the work needed to produce and deploy the new documents. The target date for completion is still the summer of 2009; however we may not meet the June 1st deadline imposed by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and US Customs Border Protection (CBP).

The Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs is aware and concerned of the impending June 1st deadline. We would like to assure our people that the Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee is still engaged in productive talks with DHS/CBP to have our new documents recognized by the United States. After overcoming many obstacles that may have obstructed our sovereign integrity, the Haudenosaunee are working steadily towards signing a Nation-to-Nation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DHS/CBP.

While there is a strong possibility that DHS/CPB may extend the June 1st deadline, we have assurances from DHS/CBP that our current Haudenosaunee identification card (Red Card) will continue to be accepted past June 1st provided the Haudenosaunee and the United States enter into a MOA.

For more information please call the Mohawk Nation Office at 518.358.3381.