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## *Illinois Corporations Sentenced for Defrauding Twin Buttes School*

**BISMARCK** - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on September 8, 2008, **Global Networking Technology, Inc.**, of Gurnee, Illinois, and **Computer Training and Associates, Inc.**, of North Chicago, Illinois, through the corporation representatives **Tyrone Pipkin** and **Gloria Harper**, pleaded guilty and the corporations were sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of mail fraud.

The fraud occurred between January 2000 and December 2006 at Twin Buttes school, on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and related to an application for E-Rate funds for the Twin Buttes school from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), which funds are administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). The funds are made available to provide computer technology and telecommunication equipment to schools.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Global Networking Technology, Inc.**, and **Computer Training and Associates, Inc.**, to pay restitution of \$241,000 and to pay \$400 in special assessments to the Crime Victim's Fund.

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The corporations had previously repaid \$57,150 to USAC. The corporations also will not further pursue collection of a \$38,000 bill sent to the Twin Buttes school.

The case was investigated by the Department of Interior Office of Inspector General and the FCC Office of Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorney David Peterson prosecuted the case.

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