

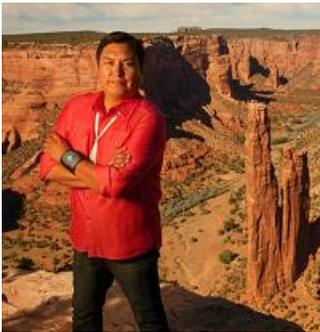
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING SEMINAR

Building and Development of the Navajo Nation Airport Program

Friday, October 16th, 2015

3:00pm to 4:30pm

Please join us on the ASU Tempe Campus - CAVC425



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Scattered throughout sovereign Native American lands in the United States are airstrips and small airports that have plans for future growth and are in need of basic operating maintenance; both of which require access to existing funding sources. For tribes, air transportation saves lives during emergencies and provides essential transportation links to communities. Over the past 4 ½ years, Mr. Teller has focused primarily on building the Navajo Nation Airport program with concentration on development and improvements. With a staff of three full-time employees and a temporary maintenance staff, Mr. Teller's group manages and maintains five primary airports, five non-primary airstrips, and many helipads across the Navajo Nation. This presentation describes the hurdles encountered by the Navajo Nation in establishing a strong airport system program and provides a snapshot of the Nation's future plans in aviation.



Yá'át'ééh, I am Arlando S. Teller. I am Naasht'ézhi-Táchii'nii (*Zuni clan adopted into Red Running Into the Water People clan*) born for Tó'aheedlínii (*The Water Flows Together clan*). My maternal grandfathers are Tódich'i'i'nii (*Bitter Water clan*) and my paternal grandfathers are 'Áshjiihi (*Salt People clan*).

Mr. Teller began his career in aviation in 1995 as the first Native American graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. After graduation, he was accepted into the City of Mesa – Falcon Field Airport's 2-year General Aviation Management Internship program and continued his career as an airport planner for the City of Phoenix – Aviation Department (Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport). These experiences lead him to travel the world before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area to work on transportation and multimodal projects as a transportation planner and tribal liaison for the California Department of Transportation. In 2009, he returned home to the Navajo Nation to work as a senior transportation planner for the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation. A year later, he was promoted to program manager for the new Department of Airports Management within the Division of Transportation. In his free time he enjoys working on the family farm located within Canyon De Chelly National Park, traveling with family and friends, and participating in traditional ceremonies.



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