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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The Department of the Interior will hold a signing ceremony tomorrow for a $100 million contract between GovWorks, the Department's Minerals Management Service (MMS) franchise fund, and Wyandotte NetTel, an American Indian telecommunications and information technology firm owned by the Wyandotte Nation in Wyandotte, Okla. Wyandotte NetTel will provide telecom and information technology products and services to the federal government.

The ceremony will take place at the main Interior Department building in Washington, D.C. Officials present will include Neal A. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs; Chief Leaford Bearskin, Wyandotte Nation; and Tom Kitsos, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

Profits from Wyandotte NetTel fund education, child care, medical, housing and other tribal service programs of the Wyandotte Nation.

WHO:	Neal A. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Chief Leaford Bearskin, Wyandotte Nation Tom Kitsos, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service (MMS)
WHAT:	Signing ceremony for MMS/GovWorks-Wyandotte NetTel contract.
WHEN:	11:00 a.m. (EDT), Thursday, August 16, 2001
WHERE:	U.S. Department of the Interior, South Penthouse 1846 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240