

Oregon Connections Excellence in Telecommunications Awards and Recipients

Category #1: Excellence in Telecommunications Applications

Individual, organization or company that has developed and/or successfully implemented an innovative telecommunications application that demonstrates standard communications capabilities, scalable solutions to accommodate growth in demand, and/or adaptability to new applications and opportunities.

2009 Recipient: Don Westlight of Oregon Health & Science University and the Oregon Health Network

2007 Recipient: Oregon Association of Hospital and Health Systems Research and Education Foundation

2006 Recipient: Central Oregon Independent Practice Association

2005 Recipient: One-Economy Corporation

2004 Recipient: Telehealth Alliance of Oregon

2003 Recipient: Frank Miller, Oregon Trail Internet

2002 Recipient: Pioneer Library System (LaGrande), Patricia Cutright

2001 Recipient: Tom Cook, Oregon Public Education Network

Category #2: Excellence in Telecommunications Projects

Individual, organization or company that has developed innovative projects or strategies to provide better access, reliability and/or affordability to telecommunications services for underserved and rural regions.

2009 Recipient: Hunter Communications, Central Point, Oregon

2008 Recipients: City of Lebanon, Phillip Barker of Curry County, and Verizon

2007 Recipients: Keith Grunberg and Bradley Kuhnert, both of Charter Communications

2006 Recipient: John Stadter, ComSpanUSA

2005 Recipient: City of The Dalles/Q-Life Project

2004 Recipient: Century Tel

2003 Recipient: Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs

2002 Recipient: Ben Doty, NoaNet Oregon

2001 Recipient: Dave Sabala, Douglas Electric Cooperative

Category #3: Excellence in Telecommunications Partnerships

Individual, organization or company that has developed an innovative telecommunications partnership for the purpose of providing improved access, reliability and/or affordability for underserved and rural communities.

2009 Recipient: Marsha Spellman and Adam Haas of Converge Communications

2008 Recipient: Michael Weidman of LS Networks

2006 Recipient: Greg Palser, CoastCom

2005 Recipient: Agnes Box, Oregon Institute of Technology; and Bob Hensley, Cal-Ore Telephone Company for the Klamath Falls/OIT Open Access Hut project.

2004 Recipient: Rich Ryan, Hunter Communications

2003 Recipient: Ed Parker, ORTCC and CoastNet

Category #4: Excellence in Telecommunications Legislation or Policy

Individual or organization that has participated in writing and advocating for legislation that will have a significant impact on rural telecommunications. Legislator or elected representative that has effectively introduced or advocated for innovation in legislation or policy that has positively impacted access, reliability, and/or affordability of rural telecommunications services.

2007 Recipient: Telehealth Alliance of Oregon

2006 Recipient: Mary Beth Henry, City of Portland/Mt. Hood Regulatory Commission

2005 Recipient: Rob Myers, Tri-County Communications and the Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council

2003 Recipient: Representative Laurie Monnes Anderson, Gresham; and Alice Nelson, Pendleton

2001 Recipient: Senator David Nelson, Pendleton

Category #5: Outstanding Telecommunications Advocate

Individual that has made a significant contribution or gone beyond the call of duty to advocate for improved access, reliability and affordability of telecommunications.

2009 Recipient: Ray Baum of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon

2008 Recipient: Pam Berrian of the City of Eugene

2007 Recipient: Jack Crider, President of Tillamook Lightwave

2006 Recipient: Onno Husing, Oregon Coast Zone Management Association

2005 Recipients: Link Shadley, ANKI Solutions and Chris Tamarin, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

2004 Recipient: Shayne Maxwell, Southern Oregon EAS Region

2003 Recipients: John Irwin, ORTCC and SOTTC; and Ron Trullinger, Qwest

2002 Recipient: Cathy Britain, RodeoNet

2001 Recipient: Cindy Weeldreyer, Lane County Commissioner/ Fiber South Consortium Chair

Other Award Recipients:

2009 Edwin B. Parker Enduring Achievement Award: Curt Pederson of Oregon State University, Ginny Lany of Qwest, and David Nelson of the Oregon State Senate

2009 Economic Development through Telecommunications: Chris Tamarin of the Oregon Business Development Department

2008 Lifetime Achievement Award: Agnes Box, Oregon Institute of Technology

2005 Enduring Achievement Award: Ben Doty, Telecommunications Advocate; Q-Life, CoastNet

2004 Enduring Achievement Award: Ed Parker, Parker Telecommunications and Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council

2004 Enduring Achievement Award: Mike Johnson, Deschutes National Forest, COTel Chair and Founder

2004 Legislative Champion Award: Bill Penhollow, Association of Oregon Counties

2003 Lifetime Achievement Award: PUC Chair Joan Smith

2003 Lifetime Achievement Award: Terry Edvalson, Edvalson and Associates

2001 Excellence in Telecommunications Opportunities and Initiatives: Eric Alexander, Connecting Oregon Communities Board/ St. Charles Medical Center (Bend)