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INTEGRA TELECOM RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF OREGON'S MOST ADMIRED COMPANIES

Oregon CEOs and The Portland Business Journal Select Integra as One of Oregon's Most Admired Technology Companies Five Years Running

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10, 2009 – Integra Telecom Inc. was again recognized by the Oregon business community as one of the Most Admired Technology Companies in the state. Presented today at *The Portland Business Journal's* Oregon's Most Admired Companies luncheon, Integra ranked third out of the more than 100 technology businesses considered for the award. Integra Telecom was the only telecom company recognized and has been named to *The Portland Business Journal's* list every year since the award's inception in 2005. Intel Corp., Microsoft Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co. joined Integra in the ranks of Most Admired Technology Companies in Oregon.

"We are honored to be selected by the state's business community for the fifth straight year as one of the Most Admired Companies in Oregon," said [Dudley Slater](#), CEO of Integra Telecom. "This award is really about our employees. They work tirelessly to ensure that our customers are equipped with the highest quality telecommunications products and services and I am extremely pleased to celebrate this award with them."

More than 1,800 Oregon CEOs voted for the 2009 Most Admired Companies in Oregon. Voters ranked each company based on attributes such as innovation, customer service and community involvement. Award recipients were selected from eight industry categories including: technology, professional services, commercial real estate, health care, nonprofits, agriculture and forest products, financial services and traditional manufacturing.

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Oregon's Most Admired Companies is an annual *Portland Business Journal* event. Hosted by publisher Craig Wessel, the event is one of the publication's business programs aimed at recognizing Oregon's leading businesses.

About Integra Telecom

Integra Telecom Inc. provides voice and Internet solutions to thousands of business and carrier customers in 11 Western states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. It owns and operates a best-in-class fiber-optic network comprised of metropolitan access networks, a nationally acclaimed Internet and data networks, and a 4,700-mile high-speed long haul network. The company has earned some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Primary equity investors in the company include Goldman, Sachs & Co., Tennenbaum Capital Partners, funds managed by Farallon Capital Partners and Warburg Pincus. Integra Telecom and Electric Lightwave are registered trademarks of Integra Telecom Inc. For more information, visit:

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