

## **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.

*2015 Recipient: Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)*

*2012 Recipient: Oregon Health and Science University*

*2011 Recipient: LS Networks*

*2011 Recipient: Bend Broadband Vault*

*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 (La Grande), 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.

*2016 Recipient: City of Eugene, EWEB, TAO, and LCOG*

*2016 Recipient: Innovate Oregon, Dayton School District, and Online NW*

*2015 Recipient: Sherman County*

*2014 Recipient: Hunter Communications*

*2014 Recipient: Lane County Area Public Agency Network*

*2014 Recipient: Chris Burns, Charter Communications*

*2013 Recipient: NetCity, Inc.*

*2013 Recipient: Steve Noel, SWIC, State of Oregon*

*2012 Recipient: David Crowe, Network for Education and Research in Oregon (NERO)*

*2012 Recipient: SandyNet, City of Sandy*

*2011 Recipient: Keith Grunberg, Charter Communications*

*2011 Recipient: John Irwin, J Irwin Community Informatics Consulting*

*2011 Recipient: Oregon Health Network*

*2010 Recipient: Oregon Municipal Audit Review Committee*

*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.

*2016 Recipient: Duke Dexter*  
*2014 Recipient: MINET*  
*2012 Recipient: Derek Abrams of Oregon State University and Sean McSpaden of State of Oregon*  
*2012 Recipient: Warm Springs Telecom*  
*2011 Recipient: Tamer Kirac*  
*2010 Recipient: Rio Networks*  
*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.

*2015 Recipient: Senate Bill 144 Work Group*  
*2013 Recipient: Oregon State Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward*  
*2011 Recipient: Oregon State Representative Phil Barnhart*  
*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.

- 2016 Recipient: Eric Rosenberry*
- 2015 Recipient: Jeremy Pietzold, City of Sandy Council President*
- 2013 Recipient: Eric Schmidt, Association of Oregon Counties*
- 2012 Recipient: Rich Bader, EasyStreet Online Services*
- 2011 Recipient: Bob Jenks, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon*
- 2010 Recipient: Shay Dakan, Oregon State University*
- 2010 Recipient: Milo Mecham, Lane Council of Governments*
- 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*

**Category #6: Edwin B. Parker Enduring Achievement Award**

This award is presented to individuals whose contributions in telecommunications have been rendered with the greatest civility, who serve as a role model and mentor to many, and who have provided a lasting legacy influencing for years to come the course and future of telecommunications in Oregon.

- 2016 Recipient: Greg Palser*
- 2016 Recipient: Richard Ryan*
- 2015 Recipient: Milo Mecham*
- 2015 Recipient: Chris Tamarin*
- 2014 Recipient: Pam Berrian*
- 2014 Recipient: John Irwin*
- 2014 Recipient: Dave Sabala*
- 2013 Recipient: Cathy Britain*
- 2011 Recipient: Ray Baum*
- 2011 Recipient: Keith A. Mobley*
- 2010 Recipient: Amy Tykeson*
- 2009 Recipient: Curt Pederson*
- 2009 Recipient: Ginny Lang*
- 2009 Recipient: State Senator David Nelson*

**Other Award Recipients:**

*2015 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Stars Award: Mike Dewey*

*2015 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Stars Award: Steve Eldrige*

*2015 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Stars Award: David Olson*

*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)*