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## **Integra Telecom Named One of the Most Admired Companies in Oregon**

**Oregon CEOs and the Portland Business Journal select Integra as Oregon's Eighth Most Admired Technology Company in 2006.**

**PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8, 2006** - Integra Telecom was once again recognized by the Oregon business community at the Portland Business Journal's 'Oregon's Most Admired Companies' luncheon held Dec. 7, 2006. Integra Telecom moved from their position as tenth most admired technology company in Oregon in 2005, to the number eight slot in 2006.

More than 2,500 Oregon CEOs were asked to vote on the greatest 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.

"It is an honor to be voted one of Oregon's most admired companies by our fellow business community leaders," said Dudley Slater, CEO of Integra Telecom. "This award is the result of the entire Integra team who work hard, set high goals and consistently exceed them."

'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, data and Internet communications to thousands of business and carrier customers in eight Western states, including: Arizona, California, Idaho, Minnesota, North

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Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The company owns and operates a best-in-class fiber-optic network comprised of eight metropolitan access networks, a nationally acclaimed tier one Internet and data network and a 4,700-mile high-speed long haul network. The company enjoys some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Primary equity investors in the company include Bank of America Capital Investors, Boston Ventures and Nautic Equity Partners. Integra Telecom and Electric Lightwave are registered trademarks of Integra Telecom Inc. For more information, visit [www.integratelecom.com](http://www.integratelecom.com).

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