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INTEGRA TELECOM EXPANDS SPOKANE PRESENCE

*Leading Communications Provider Brings Competitive Alternative to
Inland Northwest Businesses;
Creates New Jobs*

SPOKANE, Wash., May 25, 2010 – Integra Telecom Inc., an integrated communications provider for business, is expanding its Spokane, Wash., presence to offer Inland Northwest businesses an alternative choice for voice and Internet services. The Spokane office, which currently employs nine people, plans to as much as double its local workforce in the next six to nine months.

Spokane native and telecom veteran, Dana Richardson, branch manager for Integra Telecom, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the company's Eastern Washington market.

"We are extremely pleased to expand Integra Telecom's presence in Spokane and to offer the business community a better choice for telecommunication services," said Mark Blosch, senior vice president for Integra Telecom of Washington. "We have been keenly aware of the tremendous opportunity in Spokane since we acquired key assets in 2006. The timing, conditions and environment are now ripe to successfully launch our full service offering in the region."

Integra Telecom is the largest competitive telecommunications provider in the Western U.S., and the fourth largest in the nation. Headquartered in Portland, Ore., Integra serves more than 200 business communities in 11 states through its decentralized service model that staffs local employees in each of the markets it serves. This model enables Integra to provide industry leading service. The company provides a comprehensive range of business telecommunications products and services including voice and Internet solutions, communications equipment and private networking.

"Integra Telecom offers businesses communication solutions that are tailored to meet the needs of their organizations. As a full-service telecom provider, we are ready and able to service Spokane businesses of all sizes," said Richardson. "At Integra, we

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understand that the needs of companies vary greatly and we take pride in developing and delivering products and services that grow with our clients.”

To deliver clear, fast and dependable voice and data communications, Integra owns and maintains its own fiber-based, voice and Internet network. This investment enables Integra to control the quality and reliability of service to its customers.

Integra Telecom first entered the Spokane market through its acquisition of Electric Lightwave in 2006. Integra’s Eastern Washington office is located at 9515 E. 1st Ave in Spokane Valley, Wash. The company plans to open a second location in Spokane at 201 N. River Drive next month.

About Integra Telecom

Integra Telecom Inc. provides integrated communications services across 33 metropolitan areas in 11 states of the Western United 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 more than 2,800 route miles in 11 metropolitan access networks including approximately 1,386 on-net buildings, a world class Internet and data network, and approximately 4,900-mile high-speed long-haul fiber 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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