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INTEGRA TELECOM AWARDS OREGON BALLET THEATRE AND LIFEWORCS NW FREE INTERNET SERVICE FOR A YEAR

Local Telecom Provider Selects Two Nonprofit Winners of its Portland/Vancouver-Metropolitan Community Connection Campaign

Portland, Ore., June 29, 2011 – [Integra Telecom Inc.](#), a voice and Internet services provider for business, has awarded Oregon Ballet Theatre (OBT) and LifeWorks NW, free, high-speed Internet service for a year through its Community Connection campaign.

The two nonprofits were randomly selected through a drawing during an open house event at Integra Telecom's northeast Portland office on Tuesday.

Sandra McDonough, President and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance, attended last night's event and drew the winning entries. The Alliance also awarded the winners \$325 in Alliance bucks to be used toward membership or sponsorship credit. More than 20 entries were submitted by local businesses and individuals who responded to the call to nominate their favorite nonprofit for the giveaway.

"As one of the region's largest businesses, we're pleased to be able to celebrate our community and give back to a local nonprofit organization through our Community Connection campaign," said Tom Casey, CEO of Integra Telecom. "OBT and LifeWorks NW are noteworthy organizations assisting our community and we could not be happier to offer them free high-speed Internet for a year."

The Portland, Ore./Vancouver, Wash., Community Connection campaign is part of Integra Telecom's [Community Matters](#) program, which supports initiatives and organizations that benefit the lives of people in the communities that Integra serves. Its focus areas are:

- **Youth** – health, education and the well being of the youth in the community.
- **Health** – wellness, safety and the eradication of disease.
- **Community** – improving the stability and quality of life in the community, particularly among low-to-moderate income individuals.

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