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Gage Telephone Systems Receives Telecommunication Industry's Top Award

Technology Assurance Group (TAG) Selects Gage Telephone Systems as its Elite Telecommunication Company at the 2006 TAG National Convention

BATON ROUGE, LA — April 10, 2006 — Gage Telephone Systems, a leading telecommunications provider, announced today that the company received one of Technology Assurance Group's top awards at the association's 2006 National Convention held in San Diego in March. Technology Assurance Group (TAG), a national organization of independently owned telecommunication companies representing over \$300 million in products and services, selected Gage Telephone Systems as the winner of the "Platinum Circle Award" for exceptional economic performance and superior customer satisfaction. Gage Telephone Systems was highlighted as one of the nation's leading telecommunications companies during a prestigious awards ceremony.

The distinguished award is based on overall financial performance, customer satisfaction, and the ability to provide companies with cost effective and state-of-the-art telecommunications solutions. "Gage Telephone Systems outperformed and surpassed many of the top companies in the industry," said Dale Johnson, president of Technology Assurance Group. "The company helped their customers embrace cutting edge technology and as a result businesses of all sizes received a competitive advantage and improved profitability."

Jason Landry and Greg Wood of Gage Telephone Systems accepted the award for the company. "This award symbolizes our dedication and commitment to quality customer service and our efforts to stay at the forefront of a rapidly changing industry," said Mr. Landry. "The unending support we receive through our membership at TAG has enabled our organization to both learn and properly execute better business practices. TAG has helped us become a more successful

organization and this has a direct correlation with the high satisfaction ratings we've received from our valuable customers. Gage Telephone Systems is also fortunate to have a team of professionals that are willing to implement new business strategies. We're thrilled with last year's performance and we're striving to exceed these accomplishments in 2006."

Gage Telephone Systems offers businesses a variety of communication solutions including telephone systems, local/long distance service, Internet connectivity, web conferencing, teleconferencing, call accounting, and Voice over IP (VoIP). The company's mission is to serve the business community with tools that make organizations run more efficiently, increase their profitability and give them a competitive edge in their marketplace.

ABOUT GAGE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

GAGE Telephone Systems, Inc. was established in 1980 by Gregory A. Wood, Sr. The company's original mission continues today, which is to provide the finest telecommunications products and services that enable its clients to increase their profitability, obtain a competitive advantage, and improve employee productivity. GAGE Telephone Systems has served the Baton Rouge and South Louisiana business community for over 25 years through a culture of striving towards excellence and unparalleled commitment to customer service.

GAGE Telephone Systems helps companies of all sizes simplify their technology decisions with straight answers about everything from business telephone systems and local/long distance service to Internet, DSL, VoIP and voicemail services. The company conducts a complete needs analysis to ensure that each customer implements the right technology to meet their needs now and into the future.

GAGE Telephone Systems has built a strong team of highly experienced and industry certified voice and data specialists. These individuals proactively assist customers through high level support and strive to exceed their expectations on a daily basis. The team is backed by a fleet of state-of-the-art service vehicles ready to respond to customer calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. GAGE Telephone Systems has distinguished itself from the competition by becoming one of the region's leading telecommunications companies.

For more information on GAGE Telephone Systems please call (225) 753-4243 or visit <http://www.GAGETelescope.com>.

ABOUT TECHNOLOGY ASSURANCE GROUP (TAG)

Technology Assurance Group, LLC (TAG) is a national organization of leading independently owned telecommunications companies representing over \$300 million in products and services. TAG provides its members with the competitive advantages necessary to achieve a dominant position in their marketplace. Members benefit from programs including strategic partnerships with communication solution providers, best business and management practices, and advanced sales training programs. TAG's mission is to leverage its members' combined economic power, to increase their sales and profit margins, and to bring advanced technology to the marketplace. For more information on TAG, please call 858-673-5800 or visit www.tagnational.com.