

**Best Tel Partners With ConferTel to Provide Customers
With Cost Effective Teleconferencing Solutions**

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EUGENE, OR — July 21, 2003 — Best Tel, an industry leader in telecommunications, announced today that it has formed a strategic partnership with ConferTel, a provider of low-cost, enhanced teleconferencing services. The partnership enables Best Tel to add additional value to its customers by offering teleconferencing solutions in a cost effective and user-friendly manner.

“With businesses of all sizes focused on cost containment and reduced business travel, teleconferencing is playing an increasingly important role in corporate communications,” said Gary Gonzalez of Best Tel. “We now have the unique ability to give our customers cutting edge teleconferencing solutions at a price that is 30 – 70% below the cost of most major telephone carriers.”

The majority of corporations today face conferencing charges of 30 – 65 cents per minute. ConferTel’s price is significantly lower at 20 cents a minute. As part of the agreement, ConferTel will also give 300 minutes of conference time free to Best Tel’s customers.

ExpressCall, ConferTel’s most popular product, offers on-demand, reservation- less conferencing that gives businesses the freedom to hold a conference anytime from any location. Users can register on-line to receive a permanent toll-free number and access code and in a matter of minutes they can begin holding meetings from multiple offices. Some of ExpressCall’s features include:

- web and phone-based user controls
- automated email reminders to participants
- moderator controls recording of the call
- call summary via email immediately following each conference

In addition, the company also provides operator-assisted calling for larger or high profile conferences.

“The partnership is a win-win for Best Tel and its customers,” stated Leo McGill, vice president and CFO of ConferTel. “Having the ability to provide state-of-the-art teleconferencing services creates a competitive advantage for Best Tel and, more importantly, their customers will realize a significant savings to their bottom-line. We’re thrilled to align ourselves with such a reputable company and one that is at the forefront of the telecommunications industry.”

ABOUT BEST-TEL, LLC.

Gary Gonzalez and his business partner, Dennis Poulin, are owners of Best-Tel LLC, a member of the Technology Assurance Group (TAG). Best-Tel has built a team of professional voice and data specialists dedicated to the highest levels of customer support. Best Tel’s pattern of steady growth reflects their commitment to keeping pace with the constantly evolving telecommunications technology arena, and the dramatic expansion of the Pacific Northwest’s business market. With offices located along the I-5 Corridor in Portland, Eugene,

Medford, and Seattle, Best Tel is uniquely positioned to respond quickly and effectively to a wide range of customer equipment and service requirements.

ABOUT CONFERTEL

ConferTel delivers easy-to-use, low-cost conferencing at your fingertips. ExpressCall, ConferTel’s on-demand reservation less conferencing, gives users the freedom to hold conference calls anytime – anywhere, without a reservation. Customers sign-up online in a matter of minutes, and are given a permanent toll-free number, conference code and moderator PIN. They are then able to conference whenever, wherever they want. No reservations required – just notify participants and dial in.