



## Best Tel Takes Community Involvement to the Next Level

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MEDFORD, OR — January 24, 2008 — Best Tel, the region's leader in business communications, announced today the company has taken community involvement to the next level by implementing a program that actively supports employees' philanthropic activities. Best Tel is empowering all employees to spend a maximum of 20 hours of paid leave per calendar year to volunteer for a non-profit or other community organization of their choice.

"Best Tel's mission and values encompass the goal of contributing positively in the communities where we live, work and play," stated Chuck Whiteley, managing partner of Best Tel. "Best Tel will accomplish this goal by supporting our employees being actively involved in their communities, donating their time and energies to charitable

endeavors, and participating in many civic organizations. There are many community organizations that need mentors and volunteers to provide their services and BestTel employees are encouraged to participate. The primary focus of our support efforts are in the areas of youth, education, the arts, community development, senior services, and providing food, housing, and health services to the less fortunate in our community."

Many of the company's current employees are very active in a number of organizations that give back to the community. This program will make it easier for them to contribute as well as encourage other employees to find a meaningful cause to get behind. Best Tel's goal is to pay for 500 hours of employee volunteer time in a calendar year.

"This is a concept driven from the great people we have in our organization," added Mr. Whiteley. "They are our most valuable asset and we believe it is our responsibility to support

their activities outside of the workplace. We're very excited about this new program."

### **ABOUT BEST TEL, LLC**

Chuck Whiteley and his business partner's, Dennis Poulin, Gary Gonzalez and Tamara Gonzalez, 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, and Medford, Best Tel is uniquely positioned to respond quickly and effectively to a wide range of customer equipment and service requirements.