



CASCADE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. REPORTS STRONG INCREASE IN TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FOR 2012

*Leading Unified Communications
Provider Helps Customers Position
for Growth*

BEND, OR — July 25, 2012— Cascade Telecommunications, Inc., an industry leader in unified communications, announced today that the outlook for technology purchases by small to mid-sized (SMB) companies in 2012 is exceptionally positive. This outlook was confirmed by Technology Assurance Group (TAG), an international association of unified communications providers representing approximately \$350 million in products and services. As a premier Member of TAG, Cascade Telecommunications is positioned as the dominant force in their marketplace and is able to better prepare and protect its customers for whatever the future holds.

Many small to medium-sized businesses (SMBs) are starting off the New Year by deploying advanced technology in order to secure a competitive advantage early on. Today's SMB needs to be more agile, efficient and better equipped to handle the challenges that 2012 will bring and many business owners are creating a gap between themselves and their competitors by implementing the technology offered by Cascade Telecommunications'. "Every sector is experiencing different growth rates, but when we step back and look at the big picture, it becomes clear that overall demand is up, and businesses need to have the tools necessary to gain a

foothold in their industry," stated Dale Stein, Co-Founder of TAG.

Cascade Telecommunications' unique relationship with TAG, enables them to adopt cutting edge best business practices, deliver innovative programs, and partner with elite technology manufacturers and application service providers. Over the years, Cascade Telecommunications has leveraged this relationship to consistently deliver benefits to their customers that are simply unavailable to other technology providers. For example, Cascade Telecommunications is able to leverage the buying power of approximately 130 technology providers to receive deep discounts from manufacturers, and provide a lower cost to the customer. The bottom line of this partnership is that Cascade Telecommunications is better positioned to enhance employee productivity and increase profitability than any other technology provider in the market.

"We continue to be impressed with Cascade Telecommunications' stern commitment to their customers. At the end of the day, business owners are concerned with the bottom line and new technology is pointless if it doesn't increase your overall profitability," commented Stein. "Cascade Telecommunications has always focused on this fact and it shapes their recommendations and suggestions when working with their clients. As a result of this approach, their customers continue to thank them and I see a very bright future for Cascade Telecommunications," added Stein.

With growth opportunities on the horizon in 2012 many businesses are looking for ways to prepare for the large influx of sales they expect to see. This change will be driven by macroeconomic factors, but will be sustained by a business's ability to keep up with demand. Many businesses are investing heavily in technology and enlisting the help of elite technology providers like Cascade Telecommunications to make sure that whenever that wave of sales arrives, they're ready to ride it all the way to the bank.

CASCADE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Cascade Telecommunications is locally owned and operated and is Central Oregon's business owner's first choice for over 16 years. Cascade Telecommunications goal is to provide each client a custom designed telecommunications solution that not only enhances their customer's experience, but also provides increased profitability and a competitive advantage. Cascade Telecommunications is a single source contact for all voice, data, and video needs.

Cascade Telecommunications provides industry-leading products with Factory Certified Technicians, Sales and Customer Service Staff, to ensure customer satisfaction by maximizing system performance.

Cascade Telecommunications provides around the clock service to ensure system reliability with the mission critical nature of the

telecommunications. Cascade Telecommunications offers comprehensive service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and emergency service guaranteed within 1 hour.

For more information on Cascade Telecommunications, call 541-388-5158 or visit www.cascadetel.com.

**ABOUT TECHNOLOGY
ASSURANCE GROUP (TAG)**

Technology Assurance Group, LLC (TAG) is an international organization of leading independently owned business communications companies. 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 increase its Members' sales and profits through education and to ease their introduction of new technology to the marketplace by leveraging their combined intellect and purchasing power. For more information on TAG, please call 858-673-5800 or visit www.tagnational.com.