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**WTA Announces New Board Member**

**Helena, MT (November 20, 2013)** – WTA is pleased to announce that Ms. Darby McCarty of Smithville Communications in Ellettsville, IN has joined its Board of Directors. “It is an honor to have Darby join the WTA board of directors,” said Kelly Worthington, WTA’s Executive Vice President. “As Smithville’s president, CEO and chairman, Darby brings many years of experience, expertise and innovative thinking to WTA’s board, and I look forward to her joining our team in this capacity,” said Worthington.

Smithville Communications has been a member of WTA since 2010. While WTA’s membership is comprised primarily of telecommunications companies located west of the Mississippi, earlier this year the association’s membership approved changes to its by-laws to add three board seats for members east of the Mississippi River.

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*WTA represents more than 250 small, rural telecommunications carriers providing voice, video and data services in the United States. WTA’s members serve some of the most rural and hard-to-serve communities in the country and are the providers of last resort to these communities. To learn more about WTA, visit [www.w-t-a.org](http://www.w-t-a.org).*