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**NEW PARADIGM RESOURCES GROUP AND *TELEPHONY* MAGAZINE ANNOUNCE
WINNERS OF *COMMUNICATIONS INNOVATORS AWARDS***

CHICAGO AND NEW YORK (June 20, 2007) — New Paradigm Resources Group, Inc. (NPRG) and Penton Media's *Telephony*[®] magazine today announced the winners of the prestigious Communications Innovators Awards, recognizing service providers that implement cutting-edge solutions and demonstrate forward-thinking innovation. Towerstream Corp., AT&T, Yipes Enterprise Services and Verizon Communications were honored at the invitation-only Spring Leadership Forum during NXTcomm 2007 in Chicago, hosted by NPRG and *Telephony*.

Towerstream Corp. was honored for the "Most Innovative Deployment of Broadband Wireless"; AT&T received the "Most Innovative Carrier Ethernet Service (Diversified)" award; Yipes Enterprise Services won the "Most Innovative Carrier Ethernet Service (Pure-Play) award"; and Verizon Communications received an award for the "Most Innovative Broadband Access Package."

"We are proud to honor organizations that drive our industry forward," said Craig Clausen, Executive Vice President and COO, NPRG. "The Leadership Forum and awards program is a public recognition of the ongoing innovation within the telecommunications industry. It is also an opportunity for industry thought-leaders to share their insights and ideas as a group. We enjoyed hosting this event with *Telephony* and appreciate the opportunity to share insights with forum attendees."

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“All of these award recipients have demonstrated innovation and leadership within the telecommunications industry, and deserve the recognition these awards bring,” said Mark Hickey, group publisher of *Telephony*. “The Forum discussions truly represented a gathering of the industry’s most innovative thinkers.”

The evening awards program began with a keynote address by Robert C. Atkinson, director of policy research for Columbia University’s Institute for Tele-Information (CITI). Following the awards ceremony, a roundtable discussion by Communications Innovators Award recipients took place, moderated by NPRG and *Telephony*. The event concluded with a networking cocktail reception.

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