

## CEO Amy Linzey is presented TTA's Outstanding Achievement Award

Amy Linzey, Chief Executive Officer of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and its subsidiary, WT Services, Inc. is the newest recipient of the Texas Telephone Association's Outstanding Achievement Award. She was presented the honor during ceremonies September 11, by Scott Stringer, president of TTA.



**TTA Outstanding Achievement Award honors Amy Linzey**

TTA presents three awards each year. Ms. Linzey has been the recipient of two of those awards.

She previously received the Associate Member of the Year Award on September 11, 2001. Ms. Linzey is a native Austinite. She graduated from Crockett High School, attended the University of Texas and graduated from St Edward's University Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Business and Management.

She started her career with Southwestern Bell then transferred to AT&T as the Manager-Industry Relations for Texas. She worked in consulting and

then became the assistant General Manager for South Plains in 2008 where she was a key player in several projects including the FTTH project and an IPTV offering utilizing Microsoft Mediaroom.

Ms. Linzey attained her current position as the Chief Executive Officer for West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and WT Services in 2012.

"In this role, she has been successful in molding WTRT and WTS into thriving, state-of-the art communications companies," Stringer commented.

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Rural Broadband Association, Ms. Linzey is a board member for NTCA's Service Management Corporation, the legislative and regulatory committees of TSTCI and TTA and she serves as a TTA Board Member.

She has expertise in executive leadership, business development, board relations, client and industry relations, team building, voice communications, broadband, IPTV, fiber deployment, network planning and design, strategic planning, organization design, human resources, marketing, project management, policy development, legislative and governmental affairs, as well as the overall operations of telecommunications/technology companies.

"She is a leader in our efforts to build strong grassroots relationships both in the field, at the Capitol in Austin and in Washington, D.C. through PAC involvement, meetings and activities on her own," said Stringer.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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## Details on participating in Lifeline Service and Link Up outlined

Information regarding “Your Rights as a Member” is located in your West Texas Rural Telephone/WT Services Directory on page 33. The information is offered in English and Spanish.

La informacion concerniente a “Sus Derechos como un Miembro” esta localizada en su guia telefonica del West Texas Rural Telephone/WT Services. Se encuentra en las pagina 33. La informacion se ofrece en Ingles y en Espanol.

### Lifeline Service and Link Up Program

Lifeline Service is a program designed to make telephone service available at reduced rates to eligible residential customers. To be eligible for Lifeline, a customer’s annual household income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the federal discount, or at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the state discount or you must participate in at least one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

- Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

If you currently have telephone service with WT Services there is no charge to switch to Lifeline Service.

If you qualify and wish to sign up for Lifeline Service and Link Up Program, please call our business office at 806-250-5555.

Lifeline Service reductions do not apply to long distance service, surcharges, taxes or optional services such as Call Forwarding Call Return and Caller ID Services.

### Servicio Linea de

### Vida y Programa de Conexion

El servicio Linea de Vida y programa de Conexion, son un programa diseñado para hacer el servicio telefonico disponible en tarifas reducidas a clientes residenciales elegibles. Para tener derecho, sus ingresos anuales de la casa deben estar en o debajo del 135% de las lineas directivas federales de la pobreza, o usted participa en por lo menos uno de los siguientes programas:

- Medicaid
- Estampias de comida
- Ayuda de Seguridad Suplementaria (SSI)
- Ayuda Publica Federal de Vivienda (FPHA)
- Ayuda con Calefac-

cion y Energia (LIHEAP)

Si usted tiene actualmente el servicio telefonico con WT Services, no hay cargos por cambiar al servicio de Linea de Vida.

Si usted califica y desea inscribirse para el Servicio del Vida y Programa de Conexion, llame por favor a nuestra oficina de negocios, al 806-250-5555.

Los descuentos de Servicio de Linea de Vida no se aplican al servicio de Larga Distancia, las sobrecargas, los impuestos, ni a los servicios adicionales, come Traslado de Llamada, Regreso de Llamadas y servicios de Identificacon del numero y persona que llama.

## USDA joins chorus advocating for rural broadband

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has added its voice to the emphasis on the importance of high-speed broadband for rural America.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue unveiled a new webpage in late summer featuring information on the importance of rural e-Connectivity, and the ways that USDA is investing to help deploy high-speed

broadband infrastructure in rural America. The webpage can be found at <https://www.usda.gov/broadband>.

“Rural high-speed broadband e-Connectivity is as important for economic development as rail, roads, bridges, and airports. It is as vital as the buildout of rural telephone networks proved years ago,” said Perdue. “USDA is committed

to being a strong partner with rural leaders in deploying this essential infrastructure.”

Reliable and affordable high-speed internet e-Connectivity acts as a catalyst for rural prosperity by enabling efficient, modern communications between rural American households, farms, ranches, businesses, schools, and rural health care centers.