



Advanced Communications Invited to Participate at the 9th Annual TAG Convention

Terry Fishburn, President of Advanced Communications, to Share His Expertise to Top Business Communications Providers in the U.S. and Canada

MORRISTOWN, TN — February 3, 2009 — Advanced Communications, an industry leader in business communications, announced today that Technology Assurance Group (TAG), an association of independently owned voice and data providers representing close to \$400 million in annual sales, invited Terry Fishburn, President of Advanced Communications, to participate in the discussions on the state of the industry at its 9th Annual TAG Convention. The audience will consist of the most reputable and successful providers located throughout the United States and Canada. TAG's 2009 National Convention will be held on March 27th – 29th in San Diego, California.

The theme for the upcoming year's convention is "The Future Is in Leading Our Industry". The convergence of voice and data technology is forcing two separate industries to integrate and become one, offering a complete managed services solution. Traditional voice companies are adding data solutions to their repertoire of services, while traditional data VARs are offering voice solutions. Those organizations that are completely immersed in providing both resulting in a true managed services model will survive and become the leaders of this new industry.

"It is an honor to share our knowledge and experiences in

managed services to our colleagues," said Mr. Fishburn. "Managed services is going to greatly benefit small to medium sized businesses by helping to increase their profitability, improve productivity and give them a competitive advantage."

"The TAG Convention provides a unique opportunity where our member companies interact and learn better business practices from leading organizations," stated Dale Johnson, CEO of TAG. "Mr. Fishburn is well respected among his peers and his company is one of our premier members."

ABOUT ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS

Advanced Communications, Inc. is a full-service, telecommunications company serving customers throughout East Tennessee. Since 1985, Advanced Communications has experienced strong, continual growth as the company evolved into the region's telecom leader. The company is dedicated to providing businesses of all sizes with innovative technology solutions that increase profitability, enhance employee productivity, and give them a competitive advantage in their marketplace.

Advanced Communications offers an array of voice and data solutions from industry leading manufacturers including Toshiba, ShoreTel, and ESI. Additionally, Advanced Communications provides businesses with a variety of comprehensive Partner

Protection Plans designed to ensure quality system performance and exceptional technical support delivered by factory certified and highly skilled technicians. Advanced Communications also provides connectivity services as an Authorized AT&T Solutions Provider. For over twenty years, Advanced Communications has offered services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with emergency service guaranteed within 2 hours. For more information about Advanced Communications call (423) 586-8624 or visit www.aci-tn.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.