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Silke Communications and Harris Corporation Partner for Public Safety, OWIN

Eugene, Or -- Silke Communications has been selected as a services partner in Harris Corporation's winning proposal to design and build the radio system that will form the backbone of the State of Oregon's new interoperable communications system, known as Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN).

Through the Harris agreement, Silke will provide OWIN with a combination of technical and service expertise. Silke provides wireless communications equipment, solutions and networks from its Eugene headquarters and 30 communications facilities throughout western Oregon.

This work is in addition to an earlier agreement between Silke and OWIN, in which both entities agreed to co-locate wireless communications equipment and infrastructure in an effort to modernize and integrate the communications capabilities of Oregon's public safety communications systems.

"We've been working with Oregon public safety professionals and systems since we opened our doors 45 years ago," says Jim Silke, Jr., president. "It's always been a particularly gratifying aspect of our work. Enabling everyday valor definitely motivates Silke's efforts for quality and reliability."

OWIN is working to build a statewide "system of systems" for mission-critical, public safety communications. Wireless communications facilities play a critical role in the project. The scope of work is expected to total \$400 million and to provide a significant number of jobs for Oregonians. The Silke/Harris partnership is expected to create a significant number of jobs in western Oregon.

Based in Eugene, Silke Communications provides a full range of support, from site construction, maintenance and operation services, to delivery of VHF, UHF, 800 Mhz spectrum, and conventional, LTR and digital networks, including the respected FleetNet™ system. Customers range from large public fleets to small private businesses throughout western Oregon and southwestern Washington.

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