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SILKE COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE OF OREGON FOR MAJOR COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE

Eugene – Silke Communications and Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN) have signed an agreement to co-locate wireless communications equipment and infrastructure in an effort to modernize the communications capabilities of the Oregon State Police, Department of Transportation, Department of Corrections, Department of Forestry, and other public safety agencies.

Silke Communications is western Oregon's leading supplier of wireless radio solutions and communication tower services and spectrum. The company owns or manages nearly 30 state-of-the-art, fully equipped communications facilities. Based in Eugene, the 45-year old company provides a full range of services, from site construction, maintenance and operation, to delivery of VHF, UHF, 800 Mhz, conventional and LTR networks.

"Sites in western Oregon that are suitable for wireless communications purposes are quite limited, but Silke owns or has exclusive access to many of them, making it natural that the state would enlist our services," says President Jim Silke.

We've continued the build-out of our network for four decades now, so we have plenty of technical and geographic expertise to share. Also, Silke's long-range plans for a network build-out are similar to OWIN's long-term needs."

The agreement between Silke Communications and OWIN allows for the co-location of facilities, as well as the provision of services such as carriage of traffic over microwave, fiber or other media; use of capacity and coverage of communications systems; access to systems and networks; and other services.

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.

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