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### ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC TECHNOLOGY HONORS PSC MEMBER BOB ROWE

Montana Public Service Commissioner Bob Rowe of Missoula was honored February 23 as a leading advocate of universal access to advanced telecommunications services when he was awarded the Alliance for Public Technology's Susan G. Hadden Pioneer Award at its annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Former Federal Communications Commission Chairman William Kennard presented the award, and was joined by a representative of Senator Conrad Burns, who chairs the Telecommunications Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee. Senator Burns wrote, "Telecommunications is one of Montana's greatest resources for the future. You have been instrumental in guiding Montana forward to focus on widespread and affordable access to telecommunications for all Montanans."

Rowe was president of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners in 1999- 2000, and previously chaired that group's national Telecommunications Committee. He is a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and the Federal-State Joint Conference on Access to Advanced Services. He worked with the Alliance for Public Technology to develop the proposal for the Joint Conference. He has been a member of the PSC since 1993.

The Alliance for Public Technology is a nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC, that works to extend the benefits of the Information Age to the elderly, minorities, low-income persons and people with disabilities.

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