

Maryland Telephone

Maryland Telephone Invited to Participate at the 9th Annual TAG Convention

Michael Cook, President of Maryland Telephone, to Share His Expertise to Top Business Communications Providers in the U.S. and Canada

TOWSON, MD — February 3, 2009 — Maryland Telephone, 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 Michael Cook, president of Maryland Telephone, 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. Cook. "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. Cook is well respected among his peers and his company is one of our premier members."

ABOUT MARYLAND TELEPHONE

Since 1974, Maryland Telephone has been a leading provider of innovative telecommunications solutions. The company offers comprehensive, high-quality communications services including business telephone systems, computer telephony integration (CTI), wireless communications, local and long distance service, networking, broadband connectivity and videoconferencing.

Through the company's strategic partnerships with major manufacturers including Inter-Tel and Verizon, Maryland Telephone brings state-of-the-art

communications products to market. Maryland Telephone's mission is to reduce its customers' costs while improving their telecommunications capabilities. As basic as this mission statement sounds, it has been a successful one for the company, ensuring consistent growth and helping expand into the global marketplace.

For more information on Maryland Telephone, call 800-296-7201 or visit www.mdtelephone.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.