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INTEGRA TELECOM EMPLOYEES RAISE \$23,000 FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Portland, Ore. – Sept. 2008 – Integra Telecom Inc. employees raised more than \$23,000 for the American Cancer Society (ACS) through its Community Matters program and participation in Nike's 2008 Hood to Coast Relay. Spurred by the company's sponsorship of the event, which included 130 Integra runners, walkers and volunteers, the company challenged its employees to host community events to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Integra contributed to its employees' total donation by matching 100 percent of their funds raised.

"Pro-active business involvement is crucial in the fight against cancer. Integra's enthusiasm and strong support of the American Cancer Society has helped us invest more money in cancer research, patient services, education and advocacy," said Ali Kirby, community relationship manager for the American Cancer Society, Great West Division.

"We are extremely proud of our employees for going above and beyond to support the American Cancer Society through this year's Hood to Coast," said Dudley Slater, CEO of Integra Telecom. "ACS is a terrific organization that is making a difference in all of our

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communities. We look forward to working with the nonprofit in the future as Integra continues to support the health and well-being of our communities.”

About Community Matters

Community Matters is an Integra Telecom program supporting causes and organizations that promote the health, education and well-being of youth; the improved stability and quality of life within Integra’s communities; and the wellness, safety and eradication of disease. Through Community Matters, all full-time Integra employees receive eight hours of paid time off per year to volunteer in their communities.

About Integra Telecom

Integra Telecom Inc. provides voice, data and Internet communications to thousands of business and carrier customers in 11 Western states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The company owns and operates a best-in-class fiber-optic network comprised of metropolitan access networks, a nationally acclaimed tier one Internet and data network and a 4,700-mile high-speed long haul network. The company has earned some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Primary equity investors in the company include Warburg Pincus, Banc of America Capital Investors and Boston Ventures. Integra Telecom and Electric Lightwave are registered trademarks of Integra Telecom Inc. For more information, visit www.integratelecom.com.

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