

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Associate Member company annual dues only \$350 (no individual dues).
- Discounted conference registration fees.
- Associate Members opportunity for table top product showcase at Annual Member Conference held in October each year, where you will be able to display information about the products and services you provide.
- Members are encouraged to do business with our Associate Members.
- Inclusion in TSTCI Member Directory.
- Listing on TSTCI webpage as Associate Member with link to your company webpage.
- Opportunity to participate in association committee efforts.
- Regular association information and news provided to members.
- Diversity of our members and the products and services they provide gives strength to our association.
- Opportunities to network and collaborate with key decision makers and employees of member telecommunications companies, consultants and other Associate Member providers of industry products and services. Relationship Building.
- Associate Members support of TSTCI supports all Full Members by helping to build and support a strong association.
- Associate Members have opportunities to support our association through a variety of sponsorships at our conferences and special events. As an association we are so much stronger as a group than we could ever be as individuals.

We are a statewide association of the small, rural telephone cooperatives and independent local and/or family-owned telephone companies. TSTCI members are committed to providing rural Texas with the best telecommunications available. The telecommunications network ("The Network") of Texas depends on our member companies' individual pieces of "The Network." **Our mission is to represent and serve the interests of the Texas rural independent telecommunications providers, their customers and their vendors, suppliers, accountants and consultants.**

TSTCI carries out many activities on behalf of its members, including representation on issues before the FCC, active participation in Texas PUC matters, as well as legislative involvement at both state and federal levels. In addition, TSTCI brings its members up-to-date information, through email communications, on matters that affect them directly. Annual conferences provide education to members and marketing and networking opportunities to associate members.

As an Association, we advocate for our membership with the state Legislature and the state regulatory body, Public Utility Commission (PUC) and nationally with Congress and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on behalf of our members. We work side-by-side with these entities and other telecommunications industry advocates to ensure that the rules, regulations and technologies of telecommunications ever-changing environment continue to remember that Rural Matters and one size does not fit all.