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**JO SHOTWELL WINS THE NTCA  
ASSOCIATE MEMBER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

CHR Solutions, a professional firm providing engineering and consulting services in the telecommunications field, is pleased to announce that Jo Shotwell, CHR's Senior Vice President for Business Compliance, has won the 2006 NTCA Associate Member Outstanding Achievement Award.

The award was created by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association to honor Associate Members who have performed extraordinary service for the benefit of the telecommunications industry in conjunction with their NTCA membership. It is presented to an individual in recognition of effective leadership and long-term involvement in NTCA, along with outstanding accomplishments and contributions on behalf of small telecommunications companies on a local, state and national level. This award will be presented at the NTCA Fall Conference in September.

Jo has been very active with NTCA for a number of years. Much of her interaction has been behind the scenes, providing the NTCA Legal & Industry Department with information on rural telco regulatory issues. Since 2004, she has served NTCA and its members as the Chair of the NTCA Task Force on Intercarrier Compensation, an issue vital importance for the future of rural telcos. She also represents rural telcos as an active member of the telecom industry's Rural Alliance.

Jo has also promoted the education of NTCA members by speaking on regulatory topics at a number of NTCA meetings through the years. In addition, she serves the rural telcos by appearing as an expert regulatory witness on their behalf.

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