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## FCC Increases Fees on Interstate and International Calls in Q1 2010

TDArx Helps Businesses Avoids These Costs Through SIP Technology

WINSTON SALEM, NC — January 28, 2010 — TDArx, an industry leader in unified communications, has begun to inform their customers on the Federal Communications Commission decision to raise the Universal Service Fund fee levied on interstate and international calls. According to a public notice released by the FCC, the increase will be a record 14.1% for the first quarter of 2010. TDArx is placing special emphasis on helping businesses avoid these substantial costs through Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Trunking.

"The popularity of SIP Trunking has exploded and has rapidly become the transport of choice for voice communications," commented Mike Shuping, President of TDArx. "With the current economic environment the last thing most businesses need is an increase in their telecom costs. SIP technology empowers companies to reduce cost and improve productivity through advanced business applications. Through the implementation of SIP, new technology costs most companies absolutely nothing."

SIP technology supports any form of real-time communication regardless of whether the content is voice, video, instant messaging, or a collaboration application. SIP enhances employee productivity by enabling users to inform others of their status (also known as presence management), their availability, and how they can be contacted before a communication is even initiated.

SIP Trunking improves the bottom line of companies combining their voice and data services onto a SIP-based Trunk rather than using a costly primary rate interface (PRI) or T-1. SIP lets organizations converge their traffic onto a single line allowing them to see how they can best utilize or reduce bandwidth.

Another telltale sign driving the demand for SIP technology is a statement made recently by AT&T telling U.S. telecom regulators that it should set plans for phasing out older telephone networks if the government wants to make high-speed Internet access available across the country. AT&T stated that the government's goal of 100% broadband Internet access is in reach only if resources are moved away from "plain-old telephone service", known in the industry as POTS and the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). AT&T described circuit switched telephone systems as relics of a bygone era.

"A few years ago SIP was considered bleeding edge technology. Today it's considered cutting edge and tomorrow it will be mainstream. During SIP's infancy we conducted our own testing so we could properly position and deploy it to our customers when the time was right. Well, the time is right and those that have decided to adopt it are reaping its many benefits and are truly giving themselves an advantage against their competition," added Shuping.

## **ABOUT TDArx, INC..**

TDArx, Inc. came into existence when TeleData Services, Inc., a regional leader in business

communications, and Arx Technology, Inc., a leading provider of computer and data networking technologies, merged in January 2008. The merger enhances TDArx's expertise in a full line of communication technology, which helps its customers increase their profitability and improve competitive advantage.

TeleData Services, Inc. was founded in 1988 by Mike Shuping with partners Michael Nester and Larry Halsey. For the past 20 years, TeleData Services has been and is committed to establishing and maintaining a dynamic partnership with every customer. Extensive technology and service experience allowed the TeleData Services, Inc. team to develop an understanding of each customer's unique telecommunications requirements, and to respond to those requirements quickly and effectively.

Founded in 2001 by owner Wesley Walker, Arx Technology had been fulfilling the IT needs of Triad businesses. The company has over 350 customers and eight certified engineers. These professionals have a number of advanced industry certifications including Microsoft, Macintosh, Cisco, Citrix, Novell, and Linux and provides IT-based growth strategies for small and medium businesses. Arx specializes in data, technology and network consulting, security and support.

Today, TDArx is poised to help its customers maximize the return on their investment in communication technology. With TDArx, you can focus on your business, while we focus on your IT! For more information, please contact us at (336) 896-0808 or visit www.tdarx.com.