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## Mike Shuping of TDArx Explains Evergreen Contracts

Industry Leader to Lend His Expertise and Years of Experience to Help SMBs Avoid Getting Locked Into Telecom Contracts

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August 31, 2012 — A vicious trend has developed among prominent carrier service providers called auto-renewals also known as "evergreen" clauses. Evergreen clauses are essentially an agreement between two parties that is automatically renewed or after each contract term, until canceled by the either party. For businesses, this means that you can easily become locked into contracts with poor service providers. Imagine attempting to cancel your services with a current provider, only to find out that you are contractually obligated to continue paying another year for a service you're completely unhappy with.

Hidden in your carrier service contract is language that automatically renews your services, preventing any opportunity to explore options to optimize or reduce cost on your carrier services. Be wary of auto-renewal verbiage sent by the carrier along the lines of: "Unless notified within 90 days of contract expiration date of intent to cancel services, contract will automatically renew for the same term at the same time." Locating the auto-renewal clause can be like searching for a needle in a haystack. One way find this

verbiage is to call the customer service line of your carrier service provider to obtain the termination date of your contract and request this in writing. This simple process alone can save you thousands of dollars.

Ironically enough, these contract restrictions are often avoidable. In the case of "evergreen" clauses businesses have two options. On the one hand, you can avoid being locked into contract by making sure that you notify your carrier that you'd like to cancel services in writing, prior to the expiration of the specified term. These can vary from one contract to the next. On the other hand, you can consult with a Unified Communications provider, like TDArx, Inc., who has been helping businesses deal with "evergreen" contracts for several years. Whichever approach you take, it's vital that you periodically review your carrier service contract and acknowledge the termination date.

"Small to mid-sized businesses are the backbone of our economy and they need all of the help they can get to continue fueling our nation's economic growth," states Mike Shuping, President of TDArx, Inc.. "We get a great deal of satisfaction when we can help our customers get out of these contracts and get back on the fastrack to profitability." TDArx, Inc. is a leading unified communications provider that specializes in:

- Examining current connectivity (phone lines and internet) to analyze cost/effectiveness in order to make recommendations. If you're paying a long distance phone bill, we can eliminate it.
- Evaluating specific business needs, as they relate to Voice and IT services, and customize solutions accordingly.
- Most likely if your phone system is more than 3 years old we can cost justify a new system while eliminating the two risks of technology: Cost and Obsolescence.
- Educating our clients on the advantages of new technology and partner with them to increase their profitability and give them a competitive advantage.

TDArx, Inc. has earned its position as the market leader by educating its customers on technology solutions that either create competitive advantages for them or increase overall profitability.

## 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.