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## TSTCI PROGRAM PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 2009

The new year is just around the corner! The TSTCI Program Planning Committee will meet in early December to discuss the content for the 2009 conferences. If there's a particular topic you'd like to see covered during one of the meeting sessions next year, this is the best time to send in your ideas for consideration. Just e-mail your suggestions to [tstci@tstci.org](mailto:tstci@tstci.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## 2009 TSTCI Conference Schedule

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| February 3  | TSTCI Legislative Conference<br>Sheraton Austin Hotel - Austin, Texas                        |
| March 4-6   | TSTCI Plantmen's Conference<br>Westin Riverwalk Hotel - San Antonio, Texas                   |
| June 3-5    | TSTCI Spring Managers Conference<br>Radisson Resort - South Padre Island, Texas              |
| July 8-10   | TSTCI Finance/Marketing/Commercial Conference<br>Westin Riverwalk Hotel - San Antonio, Texas |
| August 5-6  | TSTCI Futures Retreat<br>Harveys Resort - Lake Tahoe, Nevada                                 |
| October 7-9 | TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting<br>Omni Mandalay at Las Colinas - Dallas, Texas              |



## TSTCI PAC – SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SUPPORT RURAL TELECOM

Though the elections are behind us, the work of the TSTCI PAC is not finished. After their recent campaign expenditures, our supported candidates need to begin replenishing their coffers. The TSTCI PAC is a nonpartisan political action committee created by TSTCI to support members of the Texas Legislature who support rural telephony. As we know, bad laws or regulations can hamper our industry's ability to provide its customers reliable, affordable telephone service in rural Texas. The TSTCI PAC must play a major role in the legislative process to ensure TSTCI's success with any legislative agenda mandated by the membership.

In addition to the individuals recognized on the first page of the newsletter, the TSTCI Board extends its appreciation to the employees of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative and Nortex Communications for their collective investments in the PAC. TSTCI sincerely appreciates our members' investments in the PAC fund, which benefit all member companies. These funds will be distributed to candidates that agree with TSTCI's philosophy of ensuring the viability of state-of-the-art telecommunications in rural Texas.

All members are encouraged to become involved in the process and invest in TSTCI PAC for the future of our industry. For more information on how you can become involved, visit [www.tstci.org](http://www.tstci.org) and click on the "PAC & Grassroots" button.

### **TSTCI PAC SWEEPSTAKES!**

For each \$100 invested in TSTCI PAC between now and October 1, 2009, the investor's name will be entered into a drawing for a flat panel television! The more you invest, the better your chances of winning!



***Save the Date!***

**Mark your calendars and plan to attend the**

**TSTCI  
Legislative Conference  
and Reception  
February 3, 2009**

**The conference will be held at the Sheraton Austin Hotel in downtown Austin, Texas. Watch your email in December for conference details and registration information!**

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## *News from Associate Members*

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### *Martin Group Announces Enhanced Services Platform Platform Delivers Revenue Generating Applications*

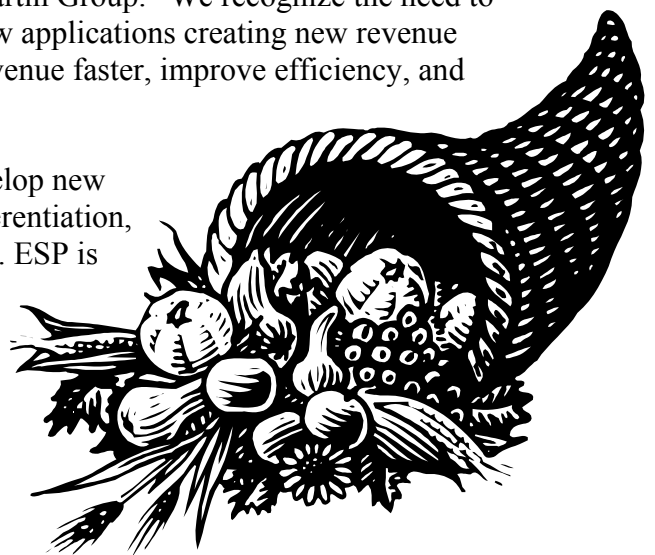
(Mitchell, S.D.) – Martin Group, a leading provider of BSS|OSS software solutions, next generation engineering, and business services that address the operational and marketplace challenges faced by today's communications providers, today announced its new Enhanced Services Platform (ESP). ESP is a collection of software applications enabling rapid development and delivery of revenue-generating products and services. ESP is comprised of network and lifestyle applications, a web self-care portal, a master product catalog, and a product workbench.

Network applications include next gen message management, call termination to announcement, podcast delivery, on-demand conference, and RSS feed translation. Lifestyle applications include advanced call waiting, call delivery manager, parental control, and class 5 feature management. Web self-care allows customers to shop, buy and manage any product or service that the communications provider makes available – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The product catalog manages product offerings exposed to clients, provides a central reference to product information, and supplies product information/definition to correlate and map to other external solutions. The product workbench allows rapid creation and deployment of new products and services as well as the ability to build trial applications allowing subscribers to test and buy.

ESP's suite of software applications offers communications providers an IMS platform. Traditionally, the feasibility of IMS has been a challenge in terms of investment and maintenance for small-to-medium service providers. With ESP, an IMS strategy is feasible for service providers of any size. ESP is essentially IMS in a box. ESP accommodates digital transactions, including events and content, while enabling the digital storefront. Communications providers can monetize current assets and capabilities within their infrastructure. In addition to a new revenue source, communications providers will minimize IT and operational costs through automation and eliminating application integration costs.

“Communications providers want to be able to quickly add new features and applications that take advantage of new technologies,” says Jim Odom, CEO and President of Martin Group. “We recognize the need to enhance traditional voice, video and internet services with new applications creating new revenue streams. With ESP, communications providers will realize revenue faster, improve efficiency, and improve customer satisfaction,” adds Odom.

ESP's open architecture enables Martin Group to rapidly develop new applications ensuring investment protection, competitive differentiation, and additional revenue streams for communications providers. ESP is integrated with Martin Group's Integrated BSS/OSS Suite, OMNIA™ and OASIS. Compatibility with third party systems is possible with Martin Group's open billing interface and it's published API's. For more information regarding ESP, call 877.219.5646 or visit Martin Group's website at [www.martin-group.com](http://www.martin-group.com).



# Happy Thanksgiving

The TSTCI Board of Directors and staff wish each of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!



## Upcoming Events

### November 2008

27-28 *Thanksgiving Holidays (TSTCI offices closed)*

### December 2008

1 Texas PUC Open Meeting (*Interest Rates Only*)  
4 Texas PUC Open Meeting  
18 FCC Open Meeting  
18 Texas PUC Open Meeting  
**25** *Merry Christmas! (TSTCI offices closed)*

### January 2009

**1** *New Years Day (TSTCI offices closed)*  
14 Texas PUC Open Meeting  
29 Texas PUC Open Meeting