

## **Press Release**

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## Nextera Communications Receives Aggie 100 Award Second Year in a Row Minnesota Telecommunications Leader Honored for Business Achievements

**Minneapolis, Minnesota** – October 31, 2013 – For the second consecutive year, Texas A&M University has recognized Minnesota-owned Nextera Communications as a member of the prestigious <u>Aggie 100</u>. This award honors the world's fastest-growing companies owned and operated by former Texas A&M students.

"Our Aggie 100 honorees demonstrate that the character and traditions developed at our great university continue to play a significant role in their success across industries and generations," said Dr. Richard Lester, Executive Director of the Mays Business School's Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship.

Under the leadership of Greg Arvig, owner and CEO of Nextera Communications, the company reported a compound annual growth rate of 43.24% from 2010-2012. An Engineering Technology graduate of Texas A&M, Greg has pioneered telecommunications technology in Minnesota for 25 years.

"I developed a passion for telecommunications as a teenager in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota while working in the industry for my dad and grandfather. I knew then I wanted to follow in their footsteps and chose to attend Texas A&M because they were the only university offering a program focused on telecom engineering."



As a third generation telecommunications provider, Greg learned early on the importance of delivering first-rate customer service, staying ahead of the technology curve, and understanding the unique needs of Minnesota businesses.

"I feel honored today to be among the Aggie 100," said Greg. "They gave me the education I needed to bring innovative and effective Internet, phone and data services to Minnesota businesses," said Greg. "As a result, we do things differently. We offer service guarantees, employ local technical

support experts 24/7, and own the largest fixed wireless network in the state -- so in addition to fiber and wireline Internet options, we can offer an alternative means of

Internet access – one that delivers dedicated bandwidth from towers and that's resilient in our state's often unpredictable weather."

## **About Nextera Communications**

Nextera is a Minnesota-based telecommunications company with offices in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, Duluth, Baxter and St. Cloud. Nextera provides customized, secure telecommunications services and exceptional customer service to businesses statewide. Service offerings include <a href="Internet T-1">Internet T-1</a>, Wireless/WiMax, <a href="Hosted IP">Hosted IP</a> <a href="PBX">PBX</a>, <a href="SIP Trunking">SIP Trunking</a>, and more.