

TelePAC

The Voice of Iowa's Independent Telecommunication Providers

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Why Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC allows ICA members to have a unified, strong voice at the Iowa Capitol on matters that directly impact your business. We gather contributions from management, employees and directors of ICA members to pool resources so we can collectively support those legislative candidates and incumbents who understand that broadband communications is the tool and industry capable of growing and transforming Iowa.

A significant part of our strategy is to get our message in front of State Senators, Representatives on both sides of the aisle through individual donations to the TelePAC. These individual donations come from people such as you who care about the stability, profitability and security of our telecom industry here in the great State of Iowa!

As our businesses have grown, so have our legislative interests and the number of committees of the legislature that impact our business. At the same time, other lobbying interests (large providers, RECs and others) significantly outspent us in campaign contributions the past couple of years.

Simply put, this means we need to reach more legislators with larger contributions to make sure our message is heard above the all the noise at the Capitol created by other interests.

How to Contribute to TelePAC?

TelePAC encourages all levels of monetary contributions. Some members contribute \$25, while others contribute \$500 or more. The most frequent contribution amount in 2023 was \$100. Some people write one check per year, while others send in periodic payments or submit online contributions.

ICA's TelePAC team asks all GMs and CEOs to consider giving an average of just one dollar per day to the TelePAC. An annual contribution of \$365 will help us grow our budget and increase our effectiveness!

TelePAC understands that members have varying levels of income and financial responsibilities and we encourage members to tailor contribution amounts to their budget and comfort level – *no contribution is too small, and all contributions are appreciated!*

To contribute:

Make check payable to:
TelePAC
4201 Westown Pkwy, Ste. 130
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Or [click here to contribute online](#) using the secure form.



TelePAC Success

Your support has helped our industry achieve policies at the Statehouse that advance and protect your interests. Examples of our recent victories include:

- Working with Legislators to continually improve the NOFA process
- Pushing back on efforts by other entities to interfere with our facilities in rights of way
- Continually working to prevent efforts to create a State-owned IXP in competition with ICA members
- Educating legislators on problems involving locates and fiber hits, giving them better information to analyze proposals to change One Call rules
- In recent years, we worked with Legislators to get the largest state appropriation ever for one project, the \$100 million funding for NOFA 6, and we successfully got broadband grants to be non-taxable

We intend to carry these successes forward to 2024 to promote good legislation and defeat harmful legislation.

Strong TelePAC Participation in 2023

In 2023, 37 General Managers/CEOs of telecommunications provider members contributed to TelePAC! 18 ICA member companies had 100% Board participation in 2023. In addition, Lone Rock Cooperative Telephone Company and Oran Mutual Telephone Company reported 100% staff participation, and Minburn Communications and Premier Communications reported 100% management staff participation.

If you achieved 100% staff or 100% management staff participation, please let us know so we can recognize your generous participation.

100% of the Board of Directors contributed to TelePAC in 2023:

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Cascade Communications
CL Tel
Dumont Telephone Company
FMCTC - Harlan
Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative
Jefferson Telecom
LNE Communications
Minburn Communications*

*Oran Mutual Telephone Co
Panora Fiber
Premier Communications
South Slope Cooperative Communications
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