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PRESS RELEASE

Blackfoot Launches Customer Advisory Council in Missoula

December 9, 2008 Missoula, Mont – Blackfoot Telecommunications Group (Blackfoot) announces the launch of the Blackfoot Customer Advisory Council (CAC) comprised of Missoula business owners. The CAC will provide guidance to Blackfoot's development and marketing teams by sharing their buying and usage experiences, as well as their talents as successful business owners and managers.

"The Blackfoot Customer Advisory Council provides great insight into what our business customers in Missoula are looking for today and tomorrow," said Joan Mandeville, CEO of Blackfoot. "We strive to be an excellent long term business partner by constantly seeking ways to improve our customer service and provide the services our customers want. At Blackfoot, we not only embrace new ways to do business, we initiate changes that will continue to keep our company's technology at the forefront of communications."

The CAC's inaugural meeting was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Parkside and the group includes the following business customers: Sheila Callahan, Mountain Broadcasting; Lynne Foland, Missoula Independent; Paul Greenwood, Custom Install Supply; Stuart Looney, LineHaul Logistics, Inc.; Kayrene Matye, Missoula Bone & Joint & Surgery Center; Paul Meyer, Western Montana Mental Health Center; Greg Phillips, Missoula International Airport; John Schilling, Lambros Real Estate; Darby South, State Farm Insurance; Darlene Timmerhoff, Northstar Medical Management; Julie Triepke, InterWest Health; and Hale Williams, Safe Shop Tools.

By establishing the Customer Advisory Council, Blackfoot will gain invaluable information on ways to package, position, and present products and services that their business customers truly need. In addition, the partnership between Blackfoot and their customers offers a coordinated method of collecting customer feedback on a regular basis and ensuring the quality of Blackfoot products and services.

"Blackfoot promised a lively exchange of ideas, an opportunity to learn from other businesses and a chance to speak directly to some of Blackfoot's own experts, and they delivered," said Sheila Callahan, owner of Mountain Broadcasting.

In 2009, the Missoula CAC will look at industry trends and economic challenges, as well as assist Blackfoot in their efforts to continue to take advantage of new technologies and service concepts that provide more value to our Missoula business owners.

Blackfoot is also assembling a Customer Advisory Council to represent business customers in the following rural Western Montana communities: Alberton, Alta, Avon, Arlee, Charlo, Clinton, Condon, Dixon, Drummond, Haugan, Noxon, Ovando, Philipsburg, Plains, Potomac, St. Ignatius, St. Regis, Seeley Lake, Superior, Thompson Falls.

About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Named after the Blackfoot River running through much of the territory it serves, the Blackfoot Telecommunications Group(Blackfoot) was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art telecommunications, Internet and data solutions to customers in Missoula and throughout Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 150 Montanans. Blackfoot can be reached at 406-541-5000 or through its web site at <http://www.blackfoot.com>.

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