

Narrative Biography for Jimmy Todd -

I have almost 40 years of technology and communications industry knowledge and experience. As the CEO & General Manager for Nex-Tech, I strategically lead the growth, innovation, and evolution aspects of the organization. Nex-Tech began as a rural cooperative telephone company that has evolved into a leading communications and technology company. Based in Lenora, Kansas, Nex-Tech (Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc.) was the first company in the nation to bring FTTH technology to a rural telecom exchange. Today, Nex-Tech's broadband service area is primarily fiber-optic covering over 11,000 square miles across Northwest to Central Kansas. As a highly diversified organization, Nex-Tech has grown to offer technology solutions and business services utilizing a highly-certified Data Center infrastructure and a state-of-the-art Network Operations Center including hands-on and on-site technical support, across the United States, as well as internationally.

For many years, I have been actively engaged in advocacy for telecommunications, precision agriculture, and fiber broadband at the State and National levels, serving as a Board/Key Committee member, and holding leadership positions, for Kansas Fiber Network, Nex-Tech Wireless, WTA, NTCA, NRTC, USTelecom, Fiber Broadband Association, and recently NCSC. I was appointed to, and participated on, the FCC's Precision Ag Task Force.

In addition to involvement with the telecom and broadband industries, I have been highly involved in my local community and at the State level. Local activities have included Chamber Boards, Hospital Boards, County and Community Foundation Boards, Economic Development Advisory Boards, and Emergency Management Councils. At the State level, I have had gubernatorial appointments to the NG-911 Coordinating Council and Team Kansas under the Department of Commerce focusing on community and economic development efforts across the state.

My undergraduate education was at Oxford College of Emory University and Chapman University, while my MBA is through the University of Portland. In addition to my formal education, I have years of training and education focused more specifically on electronics and telecommunications from a variety of sources.