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**CHAIRMAN KENNARD TELLS PRIVATE WIRELESS INDUSTRY GROUP
SPECTRUM SCARCITY WILL BE GREATEST CHALLENGE**
Chairman Receives Group's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Industry

Washington, DC – William E. Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), told an industry group that “As the Internet migrates from the personal computer into web-enabled wireless devices, spectrum scarcity has emerged as a major ‘gating factor’ in the New Economy.” He said this in an address delivered at the opening session of the Industrial Telecommunications Association’s Private Wireless Spectrum Management Conference and Exposition in Washington, DC.

The Association presented Chairman Kennard with its ITA/Radio Resource Magazine Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Private Wireless Industry. Chairman Kennard was selected for the award because of his leadership in expanding access to critically needed spectrum for the private wireless industry, particularly through the creation of Guard Band Managers and the proposal of the Land Mobile Communication Service.

In accepting the award, Chairman Kennard challenged the industry to continue to build on the successes of the past and find more creative, innovative ways to manage the spectrum resource more efficiently; to ensure that America remains on the cutting edge of wireless technology and spectrum management; and to ensure that the private wireless industry continues to drive economic growth for America and the world.

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