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## **Deputy Secretary of Commerce Samuel Bodman Presents NARTE Marconi-Bell Awards**

### ***Awards Recognize Spectrum Engineering Breakthrough***

On December 8th, NARTE (NAR-tee) presented Marconi-Bell Awards to Charles Glass of the Commerce Department and Scott Harris of the law firm Harris Wiltshire & Grannis for their work in helping to negotiate an international government/industry agreement on 5GHz WiFi that was approved at the World Radiocommunication Conference in Geneva earlier this year. Mr. Glass represented the public sector and Mr. Harris represented the private sector in reaching a solution based on "dynamic frequency selection," or DFS, which enables spectrum to be shared by industry and government while keeping sensitive Defense Department systems protected from interference.

The award was presented by Deputy Secretary of Commerce Samuel Bodman assisted by Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce Michael D. Gallagher of the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration and Russell Carstensen, Executive Director of NARTE.

The Marconi-Bell, named for Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the radio, and Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, is a peer recognition award that is presented by NARTE from time to time for a major contribution to the telecommunications field that is acknowledged by peers as an extraordinary achievement.

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