



NASTD Names Uniti '2026 Corporate Champion'

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Uniti is the inaugural recipient of this honor, recognizing the company's growing role as a trusted partner to state government

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 01, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Uniti Group Inc. (Nasdaq: UNIT), a premier insurgent fiber provider dedicated to enabling mission-critical connectivity across the United States, announced today that it has been named the first-ever Corporate Champion of the Year by the National Association of State Technology Directors (NASTD). Headquartered in Lexington, Ky., NASTD is a professional association representing state government technology directors across all 50 states, dedicated to helping members navigate emerging technology and improve how state government delivers services to its citizens.

Uniti is being recognized for its commitment to delivering reliable, high-performance connectivity and infrastructure solutions to state government organizations nationwide, as well as its partnership of more than twenty years with the NASTD organization. The award was formally presented to Stephanie Robbins, Uniti's vice president of SLED Sales and Development, at NASTD's recent 2026 Annual Conference, honoring Uniti as the vendor partner that demonstrated the most outstanding service, innovation, and value to the state technology community over the past year, a distinction made even more significant as it is the first company to earn the accolade.

"This recognition belongs to every team across Uniti who shows up for our state government customers every single day," said Kenny Gunderman, president and chief executive officer of Uniti. "Being the very first company in NASTD's history to earn Corporate Champion of the Year isn't just a milestone. It's a statement about who we are and the trust we've built, one project and one partnership at a time. We couldn't be prouder to set that bar, especially with an organization as renowned and respected as NASTD."

Being named NASTD's first-ever Corporate Champion of the Year sets Uniti apart in a category of one. NASTD's recognition carries particular weight, as it comes from the state technology directors who rely on Uniti's network every day to serve their constituents and communities. That makes it one of the most credible, peer-driven endorsements a vendor can earn in the public sector space, and Uniti now sets the standard against which future honorees will be measured.

ABOUT UNITI

Uniti (Nasdaq: UNIT) is a premier insurgent fiber provider dedicated to enabling mission-critical connectivity across the United States. We build, operate, and deliver fast and reliable communications services, empowering more than a million consumers and businesses in the digital economy. Our broad portfolio of services is offered through a suite of brands: Uniti Wholesale, Kinetic, Uniti Fiber, and Uniti Solutions. Visit us online at www.uniti.com.

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