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Granite CEO Rob Hale Recognized for Driving Diversity in Tech

QUINCY, Mass. – October 11, 2022 – [Granite Telecommunications](#), a provider of communications service and technology solutions to multilocation businesses and government agencies, announced today that the company's President and CEO Rob Hale was named to [Channel Futures DE&I 101](#). The list recognizes individuals driving diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) efforts and awareness in the technology channel.

Hale's enthusiastic support for Granite's corporate DE&I initiatives has earned many accolades for the company, including recognition by [Forbes as one of America's Best Employers for Diversity](#). Granite, also recognized for its philanthropic and charitable work, has embraced and encouraged engagement and advocacy at all levels of the organization.

In 2019, for example, Hale backed the formation of Granite RockOUT, an employee resource group for Granite's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and asexual (LGBTQA+) community and their allies. Granite RockOUT's mission is to create a culture of positivity and acceptance within the Granite workplace. During Pride Month 2022, Granite RockOUT hosted a series of educational events, guest speakers and fundraisers which resulted in \$16,000 in donations to LGBTQA+ organizations.

In June 2020, following the murder of George Floyd, Granite also launched Community Awareness Networking Diversity Inclusion Development (CANDID) to promote diversity through education, advocacy, networking and community partnerships. In April 2021, when anti-Asian violence and discrimination were rising throughout the nation, CANDID donated \$50,000 to Asian-American support groups to foster tolerance in the community.

"At Granite, diversity, equity and inclusion are business priorities and integral to our corporate culture," said Hale. "We know through our own experience that diversity of background, thought, ethnicity and frame of reference is vital not only to our success as an organization, but to the community as a whole."

About Granite

Granite delivers advanced communications and technology solutions to businesses and government agencies throughout the United States and Canada. The \$1.8 billion company serves more than two-thirds of Fortune 100 companies and has 1.75 million voice and data lines under management, supporting more than 650,000 locations. Founded in 2002, Granite has grown to be one of the largest independent telecommunications providers in the U.S. by simplifying sourcing and management of voice, data and cellular service with a single point of contact and consolidated invoicing for all locations nationwide. Today, Granite supports customers with a wide range of advanced business communications services, including access, UCaaS, mobile voice and data, and MSP solutions for SD-WAN, monitoring and network management. Granite employs more than 2,250 people at its headquarters in Quincy, Mass. and 11 regional offices nationwide. For more information, visit www.granitenet.com.

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