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The First MuniWireless Award: Jim Baller



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The first award went to Jim Baller of [Baller Herbst Law Group](#). It's hard to find anyone as deserving of this award as Jim. He has worked tirelessly to protect the interests of municipalities, many times in the face of huge opposition. At times, he's been the lone voice fighting against challenges to municipalities' right to determine their own broadband future. And it's through his efforts that public broadband can actually advance in many communities around the country.

We'll be announcing the process for a future awards submission and review process, with the awards themselves to be given away at future MuniWireless conferences. But Jim's will always stand as the first, and one of the most well deserved.

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June 30th, 2006 at 8:02 am

Congratulations Jim!!

A well-deserved award.



2. **Valerie Fong** Says:

June 30th, 2006 at 7:16 pm

Jim:

A well-deserved award indeed, and so glad you are the first ever to receive!

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3. **Berdell Knowles** Says:

July 5th, 2006 at 5:56 pm

Congratulations Jim!

I know of no one more derserving.



4. **Justin Chae** Says:

July 7th, 2006 at 3:18 am

This is great news, and well deserved, congrats.



5. **Darlene Meskell** Says:

September 10th, 2007 at 10:44 am

Congratulations, Jim! Broadband is sooo much cooler than sun!



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