

# Foundation Telecommunications, Inc. Announces the Renewal of the Transponder Agreement with SCOLA.

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Foundation Telecommunications, Inc. (FTI) announces the renewal of their Transponder Agreements with the SCOLA -- originally known as Satellite Communications for Learning -- The agreement allows for one-way voice, video and data satellite broadcasts for each of the three (3) SCOLA channels. SCOLA programming is transmitted via the Telstar 5 satellite to downlink locations such as schools, colleges, universities, government and military installations, cable TV systems, independent TV stations, businesses and private individuals throughout North America and much of the Northern Western Hemisphere.

The Transponder Agreements are for a one-year period with provisions for automatic renewals. Each of the fulltime satellite transmissions of the voice, video and data broadcasts consist of a 1.536 mbps SCPC signal using Wegener digital equipment via Telstar 5. All network encoders, transmitters and digital receivers are remotely controlled and status monitored by FTI from both it's corporate office in Rogers, Arkansas and it's Transponder Operations Center located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"SCOLA has been a client of FTI since we began the transponder leasing segment of our business," says George Livergood, President and CEO of FTI. "We have supported SCOLA with digital hardware, engineering assistance and transponder capacity for the past five years. We look forward to the continued development of our relationship as SCOLA expands with both additional subscribers and programmed channels."

Francis Lajba, President of SCOLA comments on the long time relationships with FTI, "Years ago when SCOLA decided to make the move from analog to digital broadcasting, FTI was there to help. They've been our supporters every step of the way. SCOLA is pleased to renew our transponder agreements with FTI. We've worked with FTI for a many years and look forward to a long-term relationship in the future. The Telstar 5 satellite is ideal for SCOLA's broadcasts and serves our subscribers well."

SCOLA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization transmitting international television programs to North America via the Telstar 5 satellite. SCOLA transmits three un-edited channels of programming in their original language(s). SCOLA One is News from 61 countries; SCOLA Two is Variety from many of those same countries; and SCOLA Three is Chinese Educational Programming. For more information on SCOLA and its offerings, please visit the SCOLA web site at: [www.scola.org](http://www.scola.org), or call 712/566-2202.

Foundation Telecommunications, Inc. (FTI) is a telecommunications company specializing in business TV, video conferencing and distance learning networks for one-way and interactive applications. FTI combines experience and expertise to provide complete end-to-end satellite and hybrid satellite/Internet interactive networks including network design, digital satellite equipment, space segment, status monitoring and network control. For more information on FTI visit our web site at: [www.ftionline.com](http://www.ftionline.com), or call 800/833-3353.

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