

# Largent Will Step Down from CTIA Post End of 2014

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CTIA President and CEO Steve Largent announced today that he will not seek an extension of his current contract, which expires at the end of next year.

According to a press release, the CTIA Board of Directors will immediately begin conducting a search for Largent's successor.



In a statement, Largent said the coming year will be a busy one for CTIA, and above all else, he wanted to that his departure will not effect CTIA's work, noting both the upcoming FCC auction process as well transitioning to the Super Mobility week next year in Las Vegas.

"I believe it's appropriate to give our Board of Directors notice of my intentions so that it can plan accordingly, and proceed to find my successor," Largent said.

Prior to assuming the top job at CTIA in 2003, Largent represented Oklahoma's First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1994 to 2001. Largent was also a record setting wide receiver with the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years, setting six career records and participating in seven Pro Bowls. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1995 and the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame in 2006.

Dan Mead, Verizon Wireless President and CEO, and current CTIA Chairman, said in a statement that Largent has done an "outstanding" job advocating on behalf of the industry.

"On behalf of the entire CTIA membership, we want to thank Steve for his hard

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work, commitment and impeccable integrity, and for being such a trusted and successful advocate for this great industry," Mead said.

Largent said that while he would miss his role at CTIA, he was very excited about the opportunity to spend more time with his Terry and his family, which is about to include an eighth grandchild.

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