



Sean McLaughlin
ACCESS HUMBOLDT

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Michael Kraft, Executive Director North Coast SBDC and Board Member, Redwood Technology Consortium

(Photo caption: Sean McLaughlin accepts his award at the RTC Holiday Party and Tweetup, check presented by RTC board President Daria Topousis)

Access Humboldt's McLaughlin Wins Tech Business Award

The Redwood Technology Consortium gave its annual *Innovative Technology Business Award* to Sean McLaughlin of Access Humboldt at the RTC's first-ever holiday tweetup at the Plaza Grill in Arcata.

“Anyone who talks to Sean McLaughlin knows how passionate he is about broadband and digital media on the North Coast,” said Daria Topousis, President of RTC. “He works tirelessly to share his passion and to campaign for broadband access for everyone in our community.”

McLaughlin was recognized for his policy work in broadband and public access. This work was especially intensive earlier this year as rules were crafted for the disbursement of federal broadband stimulus funds.

In accepting the award, McLaughlin said “Access Humboldt and Redwood Technology Consortium share common goals to support education, to train people for technology jobs, and to create local fast Internet connections that make our lives better. To honor our shared vision for the future, I am dedicating the Technology Leadership award to Access Humboldt's media education programs for local youth.”

The mission of the Redwood Technology Consortium is to diversify and strengthen the economy and quality of life on the North Coast by enhancing the technological capabilities of our region through advocacy, outreach, and education. People seeking more information or to join should visit their website, www.redwoodtech.org.

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