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Michael Romano joined NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association as senior vice president of industry affairs and business development on August 23, 2010. Romano oversees the organization's public policy, government affairs, business development and Foundation for Rural Service initiatives on behalf of its nearly 850 small rural telecom provider members.

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