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Ex-Burns aide opens communications firm

James Pendleton, who was the communications director for former Sen. Conrad Burns, has opened Pendleton Communications in Billings.

The firm provides communications and public-relations services.

Pendleton worked for Burns for six years and lists the former senator, along with Rep. Dennis Rehberg, R.-Mont., among his clients.

Pendleton began his career in Alaska as an announcer and reporter for a news station. He moved to Montana 15 years ago and worked for KBLG-AM in Billings as the program director and morning host.