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**FCC ANNOUNCES THE AGENDA FOR THE “FCC-ATNI ITI REGIONAL
WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE PLANNING SESSION”
NOVEMBER 9-10, 2004, ON COEUR D’ALENE RESERVATION**

FCC and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to participate in intergovernmental program with tribal and industry representatives examining issues critical to telecom deployment in Indian Country

Washington, D.C. – Today, the FCC announces the agenda for its upcoming Workshop and Roundtable Planning session, to be held in cooperation with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), an inter-tribal non-profit organization of 54 tribal governments located in the northwestern United States. The event, set for November 9 and 10 at the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel near Worley, Idaho, on the Coeur d’Alene Reservation, is free of charge to registrants. Tribal leaders and representatives, planning and economic development managers, and telecommunications industry representatives are encouraged to attend these intergovernmental meetings.

This FCC Indian Telecommunications Initiatives (ITI) event will build upon the successes of the FCC’s previous ITI Regional Workshop and Roundtables, held in Reno, Nevada, in July 2003, and in Rapid City, South Dakota, in May of 2004.

The “ITI FCC-ATNI” Program

Hosted in the context of the trust relationship shared by the FCC and the Tribes, this event is designed to increase the understanding of essential telecommunications issues and policies affecting Indian Country and to increase the intergovernmental consultation with American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages on telecommunications issues and policies. The Workshop discussions on November 9 will address:

- Key telecommunications issues for consultation;
- Federal funding programs and financing;
- The FCC’s draft Tribal Communications Security Plan and other homeland security issues; and,
- Perspectives of Tribal members of FCC Advisory Committees.

The November 10 Roundtable and Planning Session will provide facilitated interactive consultative planning sessions to discuss priorities in regional and national telecommunications policy making efforts and local Tribal efforts to deploy effective telecommunications systems and increase subscribership.

A copy of the FCC-ATNI Regional Workshop and Roundtable and Planning Session agenda is attached.

Registration and More Information

Tribal leaders and representatives, and planning and economic development managers are encouraged to attend. Telecommunications industry representatives are welcome to attend these intergovernmental meetings. To register for the ITI FCC-ATNI Regional Workshop and Roundtable, or to obtain additional information, please call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) press number 5 and leave your information, call 202-418-2513, fax 202-418-1414, or e-mail your full contact information to iti-info@fcc.gov.

The Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel is located 30 minutes south of Coeur d'Alene and southeast of Spokane on US Highway 95, near Worley, Idaho. From Monday, November 8, to Wednesday, November 10, 2004, a special rate of \$63.00 is available per room, per night, single or double occupancy. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800- 523-2464, ext. #7707. Please ask for group "FCC/ITI."

For more information on the ITI FCC-ATNI Regional Workshop and Roundtable please contact Geoffrey Blackwell, FCC Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-8192, geoffrey.blackwell@fcc.gov; or Dan Rumelt, FCC Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division at 202-418-7512, dan.rumelt@fcc.gov. Updates and further information will also be made available on the FCC's Tribal Initiatives website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/indians>.

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FCC-ATNI REGIONAL WORKSHOP
AND ROUNDTABLE PLANNING SESSION

Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel
Conference Center Ballrooms
Worley, Idaho
November 9-10, 2004

November 9: Workshop Agenda

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM OPENING

Master of Ceremonies Geoffrey Blackwell, Senior Attorney
and Liaison to Tribal Governments
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, FCC

Posting of the Colors Coeur d'Alene Tribal Color Guard

Flag Song
Honor Song

Invocation

8:45 AM Welcoming Remarks The Honorable Ernest L. Stensgar, Chairman
Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Kris Monteith, Deputy Chief
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

9:00 –11:00 AM

Panel: KEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES FOR CONSULTATION

issue-based presentations on key telecom matters, designed to: (1) inform ITI attendees of ongoing regulatory activities, (2) raise understanding of basic telecom issues or policy goals in these areas, and, (3) prepare the ITI attendees for roundtable planning session discussions, future consultative dialogue and regulatory comment.

Moderator: Sue McNeil, Chief
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

- Broadband and IP-enabled Services: Marcus Maher, Attorney Advisor
Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC
- Universal Service Fund: Gene Fullano, Legal Advisor
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC
- Wireless Spectrum Access: John Branscome, Legal Advisor
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC

- Tower Siting and Cultural Preservation: Geoffrey Blackwell, Senior Attorney
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

11:00 –11:15 am Morning Break

11:15–12:30 PM

Panel: FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS AND FINANCING

Presentations of different federal agency programs that can be utilized to develop, deploy and support telecommunications and technological solutions in tribal communities.

Moderator: Geoffrey Blackwell, Senior Attorney
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

- USDA Rural Utility Service Programs: Wes Lannen, General Field Representative
Rural Utilities Service, USDA
- Universal Service Fund High Cost and Low-Income Programs: Gene Fullano, Legal Advisor
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC
- Small Business Administration Programs: Thelma Stiffarm, National Director (Invited)
Office of Native American Affairs, SBA
- Department of Homeland Security Programs: Cheri Lee Roe, Dir., Tribal Coordination (Invited)
Office of the Secretary, DHS

12:30 PM Lunch Break Lunch On Your Own

1:30–3:00 PM

Panel: DRAFT TRIBAL COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY PLAN AND HOMELAND SECURITY CONSULTATION
Presentations on the FCC Draft Plan and related homeland security and public safety communications issues on reservations, such as interoperability, new federal Homeland Security and Public Safety policies, and ATNI-EDC's implementation of the Draft Plan into its technological survey project.

Moderator: Kris Monteith, Deputy Chief
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

- The FCC's Draft Tribal Communications Security Plan: Geoffrey Blackwell, Senior Attorney
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC
- Perspectives of the Tohono O'odham Nation: Ben Standifer, Chief Information Officer
Tohono O'odham Nation
- Overview of National Incident Management System: Cheri Lee Roe, Dir., Tribal Coordination (Invited)
Office of the Secretary, DHS
- ATNI-EDC Tribal Technology Assessment Project/Draft Plan: Elstun Lauesen, Dir. of Technology
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

Economic Development Corporation

3:00–3:15 PM

Afternoon Break

3:15–5:00 PM

Panel: PERSPECTIVES OF TRIBAL MEMBERS OF FCC ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Presentations by Tribal Members of the FCC's Consumer Advisory Committee and Intergovernmental Advisory Committee on their respective Committees' charter and activities in order to: (1) inform and create dialogue in Indian County, (2) receive input they can report upon and provide to their full committees.

Moderator: Sue McNeil, Chief
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

- Vernon James, General Manager
San Carlos Apache Telecommunications Utility Inc.
FCC Consumer Advisory Committee
- Sylvester "Sal" Sahme, Special Projects Manager
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee
- Linda West, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Ronan Telephone Authority Board
FCC Consumer Advisory Committee
- John Stensgar, Councilman
Colville Confederated Tribes
FCC Consumer Advisory Committee
- JD Williams, General Manager
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority
IFCC ntergovernmental Advisory Committee

5:00 PM

Workshop Wrap-Up and
Next Steps

Kris Monteith, Deputy Chief
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission

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November 10: Roundtable Planning Session Agenda

- 8:30 AM Introductory Remarks Kris Monteith, Deputy Chief
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
- 8:45 AM Planning Session Orientation: A Strategy for Outcomes
- ATNI's 2004 Resolution "Guidelines for Tribal Telecommunications"
Public Policy Discourse--A Roadmap for Discussion
Valerie Fast Horse, Dir. of MIS, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Co-Chair, ATNI Telecom and Utilities Subcommittee
 - ATNI's and the Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe's Telecom Development
Project -- A Case Study in Self-Directed Tribal Telecom Development
Elstun Lauesen, Director of Technology
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
Economic Development Corporation
 - Emerging Communications Technologies and a Vision of the Future of Tribally-Driven Telecom
Systems

Allen Hammond, Professor of Law (Invited)
Santa Clara University School of Law
Director, The Broadband Institute of California
- 9:15 AM Planning Sessions for All Participants
Facilitated planning discussion sessions focusing on the identification of
objectives, strategies, performance measures, and potential partnerships in the
discussion of key telecom issues identified in ATNI's Resolution on Guidelines for
Tribal Telecommunications Public Policy Discourse.
- Facilitators:
- Valerie Fast Horse, Dir. of MIS, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Co-Chair, ATNI Telecom and Utilities Subcommittee
 - Elstun Lauesen, Director of Technology
Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
Economic Development Corporation
 - Sylvester "Sal" Sahme, Special Projects Manager
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

- Kade Twist, Vice President
Native Networking Policy Center

Planning Session Issues Highlights:

- Tribal and Federal Legislative Planning
- Telecom and IT Regulatory Policy Development
- Tribal Technology Program Expansion
- Appropriations, Resources and Funding

11:15 AM Report of Planning Session Outcomes by Session Facilitators and Roundtable Discussion

12:15 PM Roundtable Planning Wrap-Up, Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Valerie Fast Horse, Dir. of MIS, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Co-Chair, ATNI Telecom and Utilities Subcommittee

Kris Monteith, Deputy Chief
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission

12:30 PM ADJOURN