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**FCC ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR THE
INDIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES REGIONAL
WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE
IN SAN DIEGO, CA ON JULY 27-28, 2006**

**Tribal Representatives, FCC Officials and Telecommunications Industry Representatives
to Participate in an Interactive Educational Workshop and Roundtable Sessions**

By this Public Notice, the FCC announces the agenda for its Indian Telecommunications Initiatives (“ITI”) Regional Workshop and Roundtable that will take place in San Diego, California on July 27 and 28, 2006 (“ITI San Diego”). This event is being sponsored in cooperation with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association (“SCTCA”) Tribal Digital Village, the National Congress of American Indians (“NCAI”), and the Center for Native American Public Radio (“CNAPR”). The current agenda is attached to this Public Notice.

ITI San Diego will focus on broadband deployment, a key component of the Commission’s Strategic Plan and current telecommunications issues, regulations and policies. Various panels will cover different components of broadband deployment, with a particular focus on wireless broadband, including the acquisition of spectrum, infrastructure development and business planning. There will also be panels on radio and television station development in Indian Country. A final agenda will be released prior to the event.

The agenda for this ITI event will also build upon the experiences of the SCTCA Tribal Digital Village. The Tribal Digital Village is an outgrowth of the collaborative effort of the SCTCA and the University of California at San Diego, known as the High Performance Wireless Research and Education Network. In early 2001, the SCTCA received a \$5 million Hewlett-Packard Philanthropy Digital Village grant to design and implement a project to help their underserved tribal communities establish high-speed Internet connectivity and to develop a variety of creative network solutions to address the cultural and educational goals of each community. The Hewlett-Packard grant provided for a three-year Community Technology Partnership Plan, and included products, services, and capital.

The FCC’s Indian Telecommunications Initiatives

The FCC’s ITI is a comprehensive program that seeks to promote understanding, cooperation and trust among Tribes and Tribal organizations, the FCC, other governmental

agencies, and the telecommunications industry. The ITI program seeks to build partnerships, identify potential solutions, and bring affordable, quality telecommunications services to Indian Country. The ITI program's goals -- to increase the telephone penetration rate; facilitate the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure on tribal lands; and inform Tribes about federal government programs, including Universal Service Fund programs -- are undertaken in Indian Country by the FCC through targeted and effective Tribal outreach, coordination and consultation. The Commission's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs ("IGA"), located within the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, is responsible for coordinating the FCC's Tribal outreach and consultation.

Registration for "ITI San Diego" and More Information

This ITI event is free of charge to registrants. Tribal leaders and representatives, those working on telecommunications, planning, and economic development are encouraged to attend. Telecommunications industry representatives are also welcome to attend these intergovernmental meetings. To register for the ITI San Diego Regional Workshop and Roundtable, or to obtain additional information, please call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) press number 6 and follow the prompts to leave your full contact information, call 202-418-2510, fax 202-418-2839, or e-mail your full contact information to iti-info@fcc.gov.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Sea World, 3737 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110. For reservations, call the hotel directly (619)881-6100 and mention the "FCC Tribal Communications Training."

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau:

- For sign language interpreters, CART, and other reasonable accommodations: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY)
- For accessible format materials (braille, large print, electronic files, and audio format): 202-418-0531 (voice), 202-418-7365 (TTY)

For more information on the Commission's ITI program, ITI San Diego Regional Workshop and Roundtable, or Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, please contact Alice Elder, Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-2168, alice.elder@fcc.gov or Shana Barehand, Senior Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-0385, shana.barehand@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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