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FCC REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE WARNING, ALERT AND RESPONSE NETWORK ACT.

In this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) seeks nominations for membership on its Commercial Mobile Service Alert Advisory Committee (Committee). The purpose of this committee is to develop recommendations on technical standards and protocols to facilitate the ability of commercial mobile service providers to transmit emergency alerts to their subscribers to the extent such providers elect to do so. This committee is being established pursuant to Section 603 of the Warning, Alert and Response Network Act (“WARN Act”), which was enacted on October 13, 2006. In order to ensure that the Committee holds its first meeting within 60 days of the statute’s enactment (*i.e.*, **no later than December 12, 2006**), as required by the WARN Act, the Commission is asking that nominations be submitted as early as possible. Procedures for filing nominations are set forth below.

THE COMMITTEE’S MISSION

Pursuant to Section 603(c) of the WARN Act, the Committee will develop and submit recommendations to the Commission:

1. For protocols, technical capabilities, and technical procedures through which electing commercial mobile service providers receive, verify, and transmit alerts to subscribers;
2. For the establishment of technical standards for priority transmission of alerts by electing commercial mobile service providers to subscribers;
3. For relevant technical standards for devices and equipment and technologies used by electing commercial mobile service providers to transmit emergency alerts to subscribers;
4. For the technical capability to transmit emergency alerts by electing commercial mobile service providers to subscribers in languages in addition to English, to the extent practicable and feasible;

5. Under which electing commercial mobile service providers may offer subscribers the capability of preventing the subscriber's device from receiving emergency alerts, or classes of such alerts, (other than an alert issued by the President), consistent with Section 602(b)(2)(E) of the WARN Act;
6. For a process under which commercial mobile service providers can elect to transmit emergency alerts if –
 - (a) not all of the devices or equipment used by such provider are capable of receiving such alerts; or
 - (b) the provider cannot offer such alerts throughout the entirety of its service area; and
7. As otherwise necessary to enable electing commercial mobile service providers to transmit emergency alerts to subscribers.

The Committee must develop and submit its recommendations to the Commission within one year of the enactment of the WARN Act.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission seeks nominations for membership to the Committee. Pursuant to Section 603(b) of the WARN Act, the Commission is seeking nominations of individuals in the following areas:

- **State and Local Government Representatives:** Representatives of State and local governments and representatives of emergency response providers nominated by national organizations representing such governments and personnel.
- **Tribal Governments:** Representatives from Federally recognized Indian tribes and National Indian organizations.
- **Subject Matter Experts:** Individuals who have requisite technical knowledge and expertise from the following segments:
 - Communications service providers;
 - Vendors, developers, and manufacturers of systems, facilities, equipment, and capabilities for the provision of communications services;
 - Third-party service bureaus;
 - Technical experts from the broadcasting industry;
 - The national organization representing the licensees and permittees of noncommercial broadcast television stations;

- National organizations representing individuals with special needs, including individuals with disabilities and the elderly; and
- Other individuals with relevant technical expertise.
- **Qualified representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties.**

Nominees must be willing to commit to at least a one year term of service and should be willing and able to attend meetings in Washington, DC.

NOMINEES FOR MEMBERSHIP/DEADLINE

Nominations should be received by the Commission as soon as possible in order to facilitate completion of the membership appointment process and scheduling of the Committee's first meeting for a date no later than 60 days from the date of enactment of the statute (*i.e.*, December 12, 2006). Nominations should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Attn: Lisa M. Fowlkes, via e-mail at lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov, via facsimile at (202) 418-2817, or via U.S. mail at 445 12th Street, SW, Room 7-C753, Washington, DC 20554.

Due to the extensive security screening of incoming mail, delivery of mail sent to the Commission may be delayed. Therefore, we encourage submission by e-mail or fax. No specific nomination form is required. However, a nomination should include the nominee's name, title and organization, as well as the nominee's address, e-mail address and telephone number. Nominations should include a description of the nominee's qualifications to serve on the Committee. Nominations to serve as subject matter representatives should include a description of any relevant subject matter expertise.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa M. Fowlkes, Deputy Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-7452 (voice) or lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov (email) or Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-1096 (voice) or jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov (email).