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NOTICE OF FCC'S COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE ALERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12, 2006; FCC TO STOP ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AFTER NOVEMBER 22, 2006

Washington, D.C.: Pursuant to Section 603(d)(3) of the Warning Alert and Response Network Act (WARN Act),¹ this Public Notice gives notice that the Federal Communications Commission's Commercial Mobile Service Alert Advisory Committee (the "Committee") will hold its first meeting on **Tuesday, December 12, 2006² starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305), Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.** Topics for the first meeting will include the committee's mission and organizational structure. The Commission will announce the Committee's membership and release an agenda for the December 12, 2006 meeting at a later date.

In order to allow the Commission to complete its membership selection process in sufficient time to prepare for the first meeting, this Public Notice also serves as notice that the Commission **will no longer** accept nominations to serve on the Committee **after November 22, 2006.**³ In order to be considered, nominations must be received by November 22, 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. In light of the November 22, 2006 closing date, we suggest that nominations be submitted via fax or email.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The December 12, 2006 meeting is open to members of the general public. The Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance,

¹ WARN Act § 603(d)(3). The WARN Act was enacted on October 13, 2006 as part of the Security and Accountability For Every Port Act, Pub. L. No. 109-347, 120 Stat. 1936-1943 (2006).

² Section 603(d)(1) of the WARN Act requires the Committee's first meeting be held "no later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act." WARN Act § 603(d)(1).

³ On October 16, 2006, the Commission released a Public Notice seeking nominations for membership on the Committee. The Public Notice encouraged parties to submit their nominations as early as possible in light of the WARN Act's requirement that the Committee hold its first meeting within 60 days of the statute's enactment (*i.e.*, December 12, 2006). *See* 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," DA 06-2037 (PSHSB, October 16, 2006).

however, will be limited to the seating available. Real Audio access to the meeting will be available at www.fcc.gov/.

Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments before the meeting to: Lisa M. Fowlkes, Deputy Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission at lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov or by U.S. Postal Mail (FCC, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 7-C753, Washington, DC 20554).

People with Disabilities: Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least five days advance notice; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

BACKGROUND: The WARN Act requires that the Committee develop and recommend technical standards and protocols for the voluntary transmission of emergency alerts by Commercial Mobile Service (CMS) providers within one year from the date of enactment (*i.e.*, October 12, 2007). The Committee must develop and submit to the Commission recommendations:

- For protocols, technical capabilities, and technical procedures through which electing CMS providers receive, verify, and transmit alerts to subscribers;
- For the establishment of technical standards for the reliable, secure and priority transmission of alerts by electing CMS providers to subscribers;
- For relevant technical standards for devices and equipment and technologies used by electing CMS providers to transmit emergency alerts to subscribers;
- For the technical capability to transmit emergency alerts by electing CMS providers to subscribers in languages in addition to English, to the extent practicable and feasible;
- Under which electing CMS 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;
- For a process under which CMS providers can elect to transmit emergency alerts if—
 - Not all of the devices or equipment used by such provider are capable of receiving such alerts; or
 - The provider cannot offer such alerts throughout the entirety of its service area; and
- As otherwise necessary to enable electing CMS providers to transmit emergency alerts to subscribers.⁴

PSHSB Contact: Lisa M. Fowlkes ((202) 418-7452) or email: lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov

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⁴ WARN Act § 603(c).