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MEETING OF JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FACILITIES SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 25, 2008

Washington, D.C. – This Public Notice serves as notice that the Joint Advisory Committee on Communications Capabilities of Emergency Medical and Public Health Care Facilities (“Joint Committee”) will hold a meeting on Friday, January 25, 2008, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305), Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

At this meeting, the Joint Committee will discuss, consider and vote on a draft report addressing emergency medical and public health care facilities’ communications capabilities, needs and options for improvement and growth. The Joint Committee also may vote on any proposed amendments. Once approved, the Joint Committee will submit the report to the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and to the United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to members of the public. Admittance, 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 Bureau Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission by email (lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov), by facsimile ((202) 418-2817) or by mail (445 12th Street, SW, Room 7-C753, Washington, DC 20554) AND to Eric Werner, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email (jointadvisorycommittee@ntia.doc.gov), by facsimile ((202) 506-0536) or by mail (1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4898, Washington, DC 20230).

Reasonable Accommodations. 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 email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer and 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 fulfill.

BACKGROUND: The Joint Committee was established by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and the United States Department of Commerce's Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information pursuant to Section 2201(c) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law No. 110-53, 121 Stat. 266 (2007) ("9/11 Commission Act" or "Act").

The 9/11 Commission Act requires the Joint Committee to assess: (1) specific communications capabilities and needs of emergency medical and public health care facilities, including the improvement of basic voice, data, and broadband capabilities; (2) options to accommodate growth of basic and emerging communications services used by emergency medical and public health care facilities; and (3) options to improve integration of communications systems used by emergency medical and public health care facilities with existing or future emergency communications networks. The Joint Committee's findings must be submitted to Congress within six months of the date of enactment of the statute (*i.e.*, February 4, 2008).¹

For further information about the Committee, please visit the Committee's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/advisory/emph/>. In addition, publicly available documents are available for copying and inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554.

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¹ The Act was enacted on August 3, 2007.