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FCC'S PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU TO HOLD WORKSHOP/WEBINAR ON DEPLOYABLE AERIAL COMMUNICATIONS ARCHITECTURE

On October 31, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) will hold a workshop and webinar in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305) to discuss the recent PSHSB White Paper entitled, "The Role of Deployable Aerial Communications Architecture in Emergency Communications and Recommended Next Steps," which is available at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-309742A1.pdf.

The first panel will focus on how enabling the use of deployable aerial communications architecture (DACA) can help ensure that critical communications are available within the first few hours after a catastrophic event for a period of between 72 and 96 hours. The second panel will address the types of technologies that are available for DACA and how they can serve the need for immediate communications after a major disaster, when terrestrial communications may not be available. The final panel will consider technical issues associated with the deployment of DACA for emergency communications, including interference concerns.

The workshop will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Individuals who are interested in attending this event in person or via the Web must pre-register online at http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/event-registration.html. Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Deandrea Wilson at Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov or 202-418-0703, regarding pre-registration. **The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, October 28, 2011**.

Audio and video of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public. Those who watch the live video stream of the event may e-mail event-related questions to livequestions@fcc.gov. Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, the panel moderators will work to respond to as many questions as possible during the workshop.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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