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Office of Engineering and Technology to Conduct Workshop for TV Bands Device Database Managers on March 10, 2011

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The Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) announces that it will conduct a workshop on March 10, 2011 at its Laboratory facility for the entities that have been conditionally designated as TV bands database administrators. The workshop will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The FCC Laboratory is located at 7435 Oakland Mills Rd., Columbia, Maryland 21046 (telephone (301) 362-3000).

On January 26, 2011, the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology issued an *Order* in ET Docket 04-186, DA 11-131 that conditionally designated nine entities - Comsearch, Frequency Finder Inc., Google Inc., KB Enterprises LLC and LS Telcom, Key Bridge Global LLC, Neustar Inc., Spectrum Bridge Inc., Telcordia Technologies, and WSdb LLC – as database administrators for unlicensed devices that will operate on unused channels in the television broadcast bands (TV bands devices).² The *Order* conditioned each database administrator's designation on its meeting a set of requirements, one of which is to attend workshops at which OET will 1) provide instruction on how to comply with the database rules, 2) identify tasks that must be completed by each database administrator and 3) establish milestones for tasks that must be completed. This is the first of the mandatory workshops.

Topics to be addressed at the workshop include 1) the construction of the database(s), including its contents, 2) sharing of information among the databases, and 3) the determination of available channels. In addition, information will be provided on the required security provisions and the database trial periods.

In addition to the database administrators, the workshop will be open to other interested parties. However, due to space limitations the number of attendees may be limited. Each database administrator is required to attend and may have up to two representatives present. Attendance by other parties will be on allowed through registration on first-come, first-served basis. The database administrators and other parties desiring to attend must register in advance by providing their names and organizations by

¹ A map with directions to the OET Laboratory is available at: http://www.fcc.gov/oet/faqs/lab/directions.pdf.

² The Commission's rules allow for the operation of unlicensed devices on unused channels in the broadcast television spectrum bands to provide broadband and other services for consumers and businesses. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 15.711. To prevent interference to authorized users of the TV bands, TV bands devices must include a geolocation capability and the capability to access a database that identifies incumbent users entitled to interference protection. The database will provide a TV bands device with a list of which TV channels are vacant and available for use at its location.

telephone or e-mail to one of the OET staff listed below. Parties who are not representatives of database administrators will be notified at the time of registration if space is available.

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By the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.

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