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**THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S
EMERGENCY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO SPONSOR AN EXHIBITION FAIR OF
"TEXT-TO-911" TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS
MARCH 28 & 29, 2012**

On March 28 and 29, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) will sponsor an Exhibition Fair of "text-to-9-1-1" mobile solutions in its Technology Experience Center. The EAAC is an advisory committee required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).¹ Its purpose is to determine the most effective and efficient technologies and methods by which to enable access to Next Generation 911 (NG911) emergency services by individuals with disabilities.² During the spring of 2011, the EAAC conducted a nationwide survey of individuals with disabilities and released a report on that survey on June 21, 2011.³ Following release of the survey report, the EAAC developed recommendations, which it submitted to the Commission on December 7, 2011, as required by the CVAA.⁴

One of the EAAC's recommendations covers "text-to-911" mobile solutions that can be rapidly deployed to provide nationwide access to 9-1-1 services to people with disabilities during the transition to NG911.⁵ To further this objective, the EAAC will sponsor an opportunity for the public to view exhibits and/or demonstrations of existing and potential text-to-911 technologies and applications. The exhibits will be displayed in the Commission's Technology Experience Center, located at the Commission's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

We invite all interested parties to submit a request to exhibit their "text-to-911" products and/or services at the upcoming Exhibition Fair. If interested in exhibiting, please contact the exhibit coordinator at EAAC@fcc.gov as soon as possible to express your interest in

¹ Pub. L. No. 111-260, as amended by technical amendments contained in Pub. L. No. 111-265 (Pub. L. No. 111-260). See also *Emergency Access Advisory Committee Announcement of Members and Co-Chairpersons*, Public Notice, DA 10-2318 (CGB rel. Dec. 7, 2010)

² Pub. L. No. 111-260 § 106(a).

³ The *EAAC Report on Emergency Calling for Persons with Disabilities; Survey Review and Analysis 2011* is available at <http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/EAAC/EAAC-REPORT.pdf>.

⁴ See the *EAAC Report and Recommendations* at: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-312161A1.doc

⁵ *Id.* Recommendation T1.2.

participating, and submit a description of your proposed exhibit and demonstration by close of business Wednesday, March 14, 2012. The precise times of the exhibition will be announced at a later date.

Additional information regarding the EAAC can be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-access-advisory-committee-eaac>. For more information, contact Cheryl King at (202) 418-2284 or Cheryl.king@fcc.gov or Patrick Donovan at (202) 418-2413 or patrick.donovan@fcc.gov.

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