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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**

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) provides further detail about the Exhibition Fair of "text-to-9-1-1" mobile solutions previously announced on February 23, 2012.¹ Specifically, the Exhibition Fair will be open to the public during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2012. Exhibits will be displayed in the Commission's Technology Experience Center, Room TW-B505, located at the Commission's headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., in Washington, D.C.

The EAAC is an advisory committee required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).² 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,³ and to make recommendations to the Commission on how to achieve those effective and efficient technologies and methods.⁴ 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, 2011.⁵ 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.⁶ One of these 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 NG911.⁷ The Exhibition Fair furthers this stated objective.

¹ *The Federal Communications Commission's Emergency Access Advisory Committee To Sponsor An Exhibition Fair Of "Text-To-911" Technologies And Applications*, Public Notice, DA 12-266 (rel. Feb. 23, 2012).

² Pub. L. No. 111-260, as amended by technical amendments contained in Pub. L. No. 111-265. *See also Emergency Access Advisory Committee Announcement of Members and Co-Chairpersons*, Public Notice, DA 10-2318 (CGB rel. Dec. 7, 2010)

³ Pub. L. No. 111-260 § 106(a).

⁴ Pub. L. No. 111-260 § 106(c).

⁵ 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>.

⁶ *See the EAAC Report and Recommendations at:* http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-312161A1.doc

⁷ *Id.* Recommendation T1.2.

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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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