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FCC EXTENDS DEADLINE TO MARCH 22, 2013 FOR MUNICIPAL AND TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On February 13, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) released a Public Notice seeking nominations to replace a municipal official member and a Tribal member on the Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC). Comprised of 15 representatives from state, local and Tribal governments, the IAC advises the Commission on a range of telecommunications issues for which these other governmental entities share responsibility or administration with the Commission. The original deadline for nominations was March 15, 2013. By this Public Notice, we extend the deadline to submit nominations to Friday, March 22, 2013. Nominations should be received by the Commission no later than this date. There is no change in the procedures for submitting nominations, but these procedures are again set forth below for convenience.

NOMINATIONS PROCEDURES

The application does not require a particular format; however, it must include the following information:

- Resume (including applicant's current position);
- Contact information (both email and mailing addresses, as well as telephone numbers);
- A brief description of the applicant's area of expertise and qualifications to serve on the IAC, including the applicant's experience with telecommunications issues affecting municipal and/or Tribal governments.

Nominees for IAC membership should submit their applications: (1) online via email; and/or (2) hardcopy via mail. Applications submitted via email should be sent to iac@fcc.gov. Because of the extensive security screening of incoming U.S. mail, delivery of U.S. mail sent to the Commission may be significantly delayed and we encourage submission by e-mail to ensure that the application is received by the deadline date. However, for those applicants who choose to send hardcopy applications via U.S. mail, the application should be addressed to:

¹ FCC Seeks Nominations for Municipal and Tribal Representatives on the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, Public Notice, February 13, 2013, found at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0213/DA-13-201A1.pdf.

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IAC MISSION

The mission of the IAC is to make recommendations to the Commission on the many telecommunications issues affecting local, state and Tribal governments that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. These issues range from major Commission policy priorities such as implementation of expanded broadband adoption and deployment, especially in unserved and underserved rural areas and Tribal lands, to improved public safety communications, facilities siting, universal service reform, and public rights-of-way.

IAC MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to Section 0.701(b) of the Commission rules, the IAC shall include four elected municipal officials (city mayor or city council member) as well as three elected or appointed Native American Tribal representatives, and this Public Notice is issued to fill one vacancy in each membership category.³ Further, to ensure compliance with section 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA),⁴ which provides for an exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) for certain intergovernmental groups, any nomination of a Tribal member must be supported by a designation letter from an *elected* officer of that Tribal government if the nominee does not hold an elected position.⁵ Our compliance with the requirements of section 204(b) of UMRA ensures that the IAC can continue to operate with the informality and flexibility that have proven effective in the past and that inhere in the IAC's FACA-exempt status.

A nominee must be willing to commit to serve for the full term that the IAC is authorized through December 2013 and should expect to attend four (4) one day meetings per year in Washington, D.C. at the applicant's own expense. Members who fail to "attend a minimum of 50% of the IAC's yearly meetings . . . may be removed by the Chairman of the IAC for failure to comply with this requirement." Members will also have an initial and continuing obligation to disclose any interests in, or connections to, persons or entities who are, or will be, regulated by, or who have interests before, the Commission.

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 0.701(b).

⁴ 2 U.S.C. §1534(b).

⁵ Section 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. §1534(b), provides an exemption from FACA for intergovernmental communications involving meetings between Federal officials and Federal employees and "elected officers of State, local and Tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf)" when such individuals act "in their official capacities."

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.701(b)-(c).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 0.701(c).

FINAL SELECTION

Once the new municipal and Tribal members have been selected, the Commission will publish a Public Notice on its web site announcing the appointments.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice) or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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