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FCC AND DOL ANNOUNCE AGENDA FOR WORKSHOP ON TOWER CLIMBER SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION

As part of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) and Department of Labor's (DOL) efforts to reduce communications tower-related fatalities and injuries, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announce the agenda for their upcoming workshop on factors contributing to the high rate of tower climber injuries and fatalities and best practices that ensure tower climber safety. As previously announced by Public Notice on August 8, 2014, the workshop will be held on October 14, 2014, in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The workshop will include the national signing ceremony for the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) tower climber training program (TIRAP - Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program), previously announced by Public Notice on September 9, 2014.

Building on stakeholders' initiatives to date, this workshop will:

- Examine the causes of high fatality and injury rates in this field.
- Consider methods for addressing specific risks and potential safety system failures.
- Identify best practices in industry that have worked to reduce fatalities and injuries.
- Focus on how to build a proactive, creative, and comprehensive culture of safety.
- Discuss opportunities and challenges for implementation of best practices.

Workshop Agenda

October 14, 2014

9:00 – 9:30 am Opening Remarks

Roger C. Sherman, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC
David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for
Occupational Safety and Health
Kathy Pierce, Hubble Foundation

- 9:30 – 10:30 am** **First Panel Discussion**
Diagnosing the Problem: Causes of High Fatality and Injury Rates
- Dave Anthony, Shenandoah Tower Service
Liz Day, City University of New York (CUNY)
Bridgette Hester, Hubble Foundation
Wallace Reardon, Workers at Heights Health and Safety Initiative
- Moderators:*
Chad Breckinridge, Associate Bureau Chief, WTB, FCC
Jessica Douma, Regulatory Analyst, OSHA
- 10:30 – 10:40 am** **Break**
- 10:40 – 11:50 am** **Second Panel Discussion**
Implementing the Solution: Identifying and Adopting Best Practices
- Jonathan Campbell, PCIA
John Johnson, Black & Veatch
Craig Lekutis, WirelessEstimator.com
Art Pregler, AT&T
Paul Roberts, American Tower
Todd Schlekeway, NATE
- Moderators:*
Michael Janson, PhD, Legal Advisor, WTB, FCC
Jim Maddux, Director, Directorate of Construction, OSHA, DOL
- 11:50 – 12:00 pm** **Break**
- 12:00 pm** **Concluding Remarks**
- Hon. Thomas E. Wheeler, Chairman, FCC
Hon. Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor
- 12:20 pm** **Next Steps**
- David Michaels, PhD, MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for
Occupational Safety and Health
- 12:25 pm** **TIRAP Signing Ceremony**
- Scott Kisting, TIRAP Chair
Jonathan S. Adelstein, President, PCIA, and Former
Commissioner, FCC
- 1:00 pm** **Depart for TIRAP Tower Climbing Demonstration (tentative)**
Location: TBD

Attendance. The workshop is free and open to the public. Attendees do not need to pre-register. All attendees are requested to arrive promptly and with adequate time for building security. Attendees will be required to present photo identification to enter the building.

Webcast. The FCC will webcast the workshop on the FCC webpage. The webcast may be viewed at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. Viewers may submit questions during the workshop via email at livequestions@fcc.gov and on Twitter using the “#climbersafety” hashtag.

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Press Inquiries and Additional Information for Attendees. For press inquiries or further information about attending the workshop, contact Cecilia Sulhoff, Media Liaison, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC, at (202) 418-0587, Cecilia.Sulhoff@fcc.gov; Jesse Lawder, Special Assistant, DOL, at (202) 693-4659, Lawder.Jesse@dol.gov; and Lauren North, Special Assistant, DOL, at (202) 693-4655, North.Lauren.A@dol.gov.

For press inquiries or further information about the TIRAP signing ceremony, contact Zachary Boren, Senior Advisor, Office of Apprenticeship, Employment and Training Administration, DOL, at (202) 693-3793, Boren.Zachary@dol.gov.

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