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FCC SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR TRIBAL OFFICIAL TO SERVE ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) solicits nominations for an open position for an elected or appointed Tribal representative to serve on the Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC).¹ This vacancy was created by the resignation on January 30, 2015 of Brian Tagaban, former Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Window Rock, AZ.

The IAC, comprised of 15 representatives from local, state, and Tribal governments, advises the Commission on a range of communication issues for which their governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission.² On October 29, 2013 Chairman Wheeler reauthorized the IAC and on June 6, 2014 announced the members of the 2014-2016 Committee.³ The term of operations of the reauthorized IAC is two years, with an option for another two year term.⁴ The current IAC term commenced with its first meeting on July 14, 2014 and will conclude in July 2016.⁵

IAC MISSION

The mission of the IAC is to make recommendations to the Commission on the many communications 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

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 0.701(b).

² *Id.*

³ See *FCC Announces the Reauthorization of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and Seeks Nominations*, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 14749 (2013); *Chairman Wheeler Announces Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Members*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 5961 (2014) available at https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-784A1.pdf

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §0.701(a)

⁵ *Id.*

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 three elected or appointed Native American Tribal representatives. We are issuing this Public Notice for nominations to fill one vacancy in this membership category. Further, to ensure compliance with section 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995,⁶ which provides for an exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act 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.⁷

A nominee must be willing to commit to serve for the full term that the IAC is authorized through July 2016 and should expect to attend four (4) one day meetings per year in Washington, D.C. at the applicant's own expense.⁸ 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."⁹ 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.

PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Nominees for the IAC Tribal membership position must submit their applications: (1) online via email; and/or (2) hardcopy via mail. Applications must be submitted no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the release date of this Public Notice. Applications submitted via email must be sent to iac@fcc.gov. Hardcopy applications submitted via mail must be addressed to:

Attn: Carmen Scanlon, Attorney Advisor
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

There is no particular format for the application; 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); and
- A brief description of the applicant's area of expertise and qualifications to serve on the IAC, including the applicant's experience with communications issues.

⁶ See 2 U.S.C. §1534(b).

⁷ 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."

⁸ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.701(b)-(c).

⁹ See 47 C.F.R. § 0.701(c).

FINAL SELECTION

Once the new Tribal representative is selected, the Commission will publish a Public Notice on its web site announcing the appointment.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

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For further information, please contact: Gregory Vadas, Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1798 (voice) or 1-800-835-5322 (TTY), gregory.vadas@fcc.gov; or Steve Klitzman, Deputy Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1763 (voice) or 1-800-835-5322 (TTY), steve.klitzman@fcc.gov.

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