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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOST**

**A SYMPOSIUM ON MEDIA DIVERSITY**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

The Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) Media Bureau (MB), and the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE) will host a one-day symposium examining a range of issues pertaining to best practices for minorities and women in broadcasting and related industry sectors.[[1]](#footnote-3) The symposium will be held at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC, on Thursday, March 7, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT, in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The symposium will feature success stories of small, women-owned and minority-owned media businesses and explore new entrepreneurial opportunities for such businesses. The day-long program will feature several information-packed panels with presentations by female and minority media industry pioneers, well-known broadcast experts, leaders of large multi-media firms, and financial experts. Representatives from organizations that provide training for media employment and ownership will also be in attendance. The symposium program will include an opportunity for attendees to network with the panelists, moderators, and FCC Staff.

The public may participate in the symposium via the Internet by logging www.fcc.gov/live. This event will be streamed live. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request.  The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and the requester’s contact information. Please provide advance notice of the request no later than 5 days prior to the event; last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.  Send an e-mail request to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the ACDDE, please contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, at 202-418-2608, or Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov, or Brenda Villanueva, the Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at 202-418-7005 or Brenda.Villanueva@fcc.gov.

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1. Additional information about the ACDDE is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/advisory-committee-diversity-and-digital-enpowerment>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)