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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND SEEKS ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION**

By this *Public Notice*, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the topics and chairs of the six working groups that will assist the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC) VII[[1]](#footnote-3) in carrying out its work and seeks applications for membership to these working groups. Selected applicants will join CSRIC appointees[[2]](#footnote-4) to ensure that the working groups represent a range of interests and have the requisite technical expertise to address the assigned tasks:

* Working Group 1: Alert Originator Standard Operating Procedures

*Chair: Craig Fugate, America’s Public Television Stations*

* Working Group 2: Managing Security Risk in the Transition to 5G

*Chair:* *Lee Thibaudeau, Nsight.*

* Working Group 3: Managing Security Risk in Emerging 5G Implementations

*Chair*: *Farrokh Khatibi, Qualcomm*

* Working Group 4: 911 Security Vulnerabilities During the IP Transition

*Chair: Mary A. Boyd, West Safety Services*

* Working Group 5: Improving Broadcast Resiliency

*Chair: Pat Roberts, Florida Association of Broadcasters*

* Working Group 6: SIP Security Vulnerabilities

*Chair: Danny McPherson, Verisign*

A full description of each working group’s tasks is available on the CSRIC webpage: <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-vii.>

Applications for working group membership must be submitted to the FCC no later than Monday, August 5, 2019. Procedures for submitting applications are set forth below.

**WHO MAY APPLY FOR WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

The Commission seeks applications from representatives of various sectors of the communications industry, representatives of federal, state, local, and Tribal government agencies, public safety agencies, disability groups and organizations, and representatives of public interest groups that wish to be considered for membership on one of the six CSRIC VII working groups. As appropriate, the Commission may also appoint individuals to working groups as “Special Government Employees” (SGEs) based on their individual expertise.[[3]](#footnote-5) Member selection will seek to balance the expertise and viewpoints necessary to effectively address the issues assigned to each working group. Applicants seeking to serve on a working group in an individual capacity as SGEs may not be registered federal lobbyists. The Commission will not compensate working group members for their service and will not pay travel or other expenses.

**APPLICATION PROCEDUREAND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

No specific form is required. Applications must include the following information:

* Name, title, and organization of the applicant and a description of the organization, sector, or other interest the applicant will represent;
* Applicant’s mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number;
* The specific working group(s) the applicant is interested in participating in;
* A statement summarizing the applicant’s qualifications and reasons why the applicant should be named to the working group(s);
* If the applicant will represent a specific organization, a statement describing the benefit of having the organization represented on the working group(s);[[4]](#footnote-6) and
* If seeking selection for the individual’s expertise and not as a representative of an organization or entity, a statement confirming that the applicant is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Please note this *Public Notice* is not intended to be the exclusive method by which the Commission will solicit nominations to identify qualified candidates; however, all candidates for membership on a working group will be subject to the same evaluation criteria. All applications, including the requisite statements listed above, must be submitted by e-mail to [CSRIC@fcc.gov](mailto:CSRIC@fcc.gov) **no later than Monday, August 5, 2019**.

**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 & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

More information about the CSRIC can be found at https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-vii. You may also contact Suzon Cameron, Designated Federal Official for CSRIC, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-1916 or Kurian Jacob, Deputy DFO, (202) 418-2040, or via the CSRIC e-mail account [csric@fcc.gov](mailto:CSRIC@fcc.gov).

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1. CSRIC is an advisory committee established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. FCC Announces the Membership and First Meeting of the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council VII, DA 19-659, Public Notice (July 15, 2019). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. A Special Government Employee is “an officer or employee of the executive or legislative branch of the United States Government, of any independent agency of the United States or of the District of Columbia, who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform, with or without compensation, for not to exceed one hundred and thirty days during any period of three hundred and sixty-five consecutive days.” 18 U.S.C. § 202. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. Applicants seeking to represent an organization must have authorization to represent the organization’s interests. The application should include a statement by an officer or high-ranking official within the organization that the applicant is authorized to represent the organization in the working group(s). For example, this authorization may be in the following format: “I am [insert official’s name], the [insert official’s title] at the [insert name of organization - e.g., company, government entity, trade association], with responsibilities for [concise description of the official’s position]. My organization would like [insert proposed working group member’s name], who is currently [insert employee’s position within the company] to serve as our representative on CSRIC VII, working group [insert number identifying working group].” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)