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## FCC RELEASES AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 23, 2020 TECH SUPPLIER DIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE

*Virtual Event to be Co-hosted by Internet Association*

**GN Docket No. 17-208**

This Public Notice announces the agenda for the virtual *Tech Supplier Diversity Opportunity Showcase* occurring on **Friday, October 23, 2020**, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., EDT. The event is co-hosted by the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE), the FCC's Media Bureau, and the Internet Association, a member organization of the ACDDE. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, Internet Association Interim President and CEO Jon Berroya, National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial, and William M. Manger, Jr., Chief of Staff and Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, U.S. Small Business Administration, will deliver remarks. Prior registration is required.

The *Tech Supplier Diversity Opportunity Showcase* will provide information, resources, and support to diverse communications businesses, including those focused on legacy communications industries (e.g., radio, television, telecommunications, and satellite), as well as those engaged in more technology-oriented industries that wish to do business with tech and communications companies or government agencies as vendors, suppliers, or partners. Businesses seeking to upgrade technology for their own operations will also receive valuable information.

The showcase will include two informative panels. The first, ***Show Me the Money: Traditional and Alternative Sources of Capital***, will feature representatives from tech industry financial sources ("FinTech"), tech sector companies, community banks and organizations, private equity/venture capital entities and the Small Business Administration (SBA), who will discuss traditional and alternative sources of capital. The second, ***How to Pivot in a COVID-19 World: Opportunities and Reinvention Strategies for Diverse Communications Businesses***, will examine the resources, strategies, and future technology trends that will enable diverse communications businesses to plan for tomorrow. The agenda for the showcase is attached to this Public Notice.

The showcase will be presented as a Zoom webinar. To register and join the online event:

1. Click [here](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GW0PCaEdRRipR0mktLcypQ) or copy the link below and paste it into your browser  
[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_GW0PCaEdRRipR0mktLcypQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GW0PCaEdRRipR0mktLcypQ)
2. Complete the requested information and click **Register**.
3. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email message containing instructions for joining the event, the password, and the link for the meeting.

Captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail

to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please allow at least five days' advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

More information about the ACDDE is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/advisory-committee-diversity-and-digital-empowerment>. You may also 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](mailto:Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov); or Julie Saulnier, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1598, or [Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov](mailto:Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov); or Jamile Kadre, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2245 or [Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov).

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**APPENDIX**



***TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIER DIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE***

**CO-SPONSORED BY THE  
MEDIA BUREAU  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,  
INTERNET ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE  
DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION WORKING GROUP OF THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT**

**October 23, 2020  
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL AGENDA**

1:00 pm:

**Welcome**

Rudy Brioché, Vice President and Policy Counsel, Global Public Policy  
Comcast Corporation  
Chair, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group

Sanford S. Williams, Director  
FCC Office of Communications Business Opportunities

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai

Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP  
Representing Hispanic National Bar Association  
Chair, Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment

Jon Berroya, Interim CEO and President  
Internet Association

S. Jenell Trigg, Esq., Member, Lerman Senter PLLC  
Representing Wireless Internet Service Providers Association  
Co-Lead, Digital Empowerment Subgroup, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion  
Working Group

1:25 pm: **Session I: Show Me the Money! Traditional and Alternative Sources of Capital**

**Moderator**

Clint Odom, Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy  
and Washington Bureau Executive Director  
National Urban League  
Member, Startup Subgroup, Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group,  
ACDDE

**Remarks**

William M. Manger, Jr., Chief of Staff and Associate Administrator  
Office of Capital Access, US Small Business Administration

**Panelists**

Jesús Borboa, Supplier Diversity Manager  
PayPal

Melissa Bradley, Founder and Managing Member  
1863 Ventures

Marcelino Ford-Levine, Managing Director  
Intel Capital

Dr. Francis C. Spampinato, Associate Administrator  
Office of Government Contracting and Business Development  
US Small Business Administration

Yanki Tshering, Executive Director  
Business Center for New Americans

Sonja Wells, Chief Lending Officer  
City First Bank

3:00 pm: **Workshop Break**

3:20 pm: **Remarks**

Sean Perryman, Director, Social Impact Policy and Counsel  
Internet Association  
Member, Supplier Diversity Subgroup, Diversity in the Tech Sector  
Working Group, ACDDE

Dr. Nicol Turner Lee, Senior Fellow and Director, Brookings Institution Center  
for Technology Innovation – Governance Studies  
Chair, Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group, ACDDE

3:30 pm:

**Session II: How to Pivot in a COVID-19 World: Opportunities and Reinvention Strategies for Diverse Communications Businesses****Moderator**

Dr. Ron Johnson, Chief Subject Matter Expert – Diversity and Inclusion  
The Wireless Infrastructure Association  
Lead, Supplier Diversity Subgroup, Diversity in the Tech Sector Working Group,  
ACDDE

**Remarks**

Marc Morial, President and CEO  
National Urban League

**Panelists**

Anita Stephens Graham, Maryland Market Manager  
Arctaris Impact Fund; Advisor, *Heart and Soul Magazine*

Ajamu Johnson, Vice President, Procurement  
Comcast Corporation

Joyce Christiano, Senior Program Manager, Supplier Diversity  
T-Mobile USA

David Reaves, Director - Partnerships and Professional Services, Public Sector  
Verizon Business Group

Melynnie Rizvi, Deputy General Counsel, Senior Director of Employment,  
Inclusion, and Impact  
SurveyMonkey

Guyllaine Saint Juste, Managing Director, Employer of Influence Strategy  
Year Up

5:20 pm

**Closing Remarks**

Susan Au Allen, National President and CEO, US Pan Asian American Chamber  
of Commerce Education Foundation  
Co-Lead, Digital Empowerment Subgroup, Digital Empowerment & Inclusion  
Working Group

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on  
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