FCC ANNOUNCES FURTHER EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On November 6, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission” or “FCC”) opened nominations for membership on its reauthorized Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (“IAC” or “Committee”). The original deadline for nominations was December 6, 2019. On December 6, 2019, the Commission released a Public Notice extending the deadline for nominations through January 13, 2020. By this Public Notice, the Commission further extends the deadline to submit nominations through January 27, 2020.

As indicated in the IAC Nominations Public Notice, the term of operations for the reauthorized IAC will be limited to two years, with an option for reauthorization at the end of the two-year period and will commence with its first meeting. Because this committee consists of only federal, state, local or Tribal governmental elected officials (or their designated employees), the IAC is exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (“FACA”).

The mission of the IAC is to provide advice to the Commission on the many telecommunications issues affecting local, state and Tribal governments that are within the jurisdiction of the FCC. These issues can range from major FCC policy priorities such as broadband adoption and deployment, especially in unserved and underserved rural areas and Tribal lands, to strengthening public safety communications infrastructure and emergency response capabilities, streamlining facilities siting while respecting public rights of way, monitoring the transition from “legacy” telecommunications services to emerging wireline networks and wireless networks, and ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the universal service programs.

Nomination Procedures

Nominations procedures remain unchanged. Nominations for IAC membership should be submitted by email to IAC2020@fcc.gov. If submitting by regular mail, send to: Federal

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2 Id.


4 The IAC is authorized under Commission rules to operate for a two-year period following its first scheduled meeting. 47 CFR § 0.701(a).

5 The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) provides for this exemption for “actions in support of intergovernmental communications - - where (1) meetings are held exclusively between Federal officials and elected officers of State, local, and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf) acting in their official capacities . . . .” 2 U.S.C. §1534(b).
Communications Commission, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Attention: Carmen Scanlon (Room #5-A660), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. Applications must be received no later than **January 27, 2020**.

The application does not require a particular format but must include the following information:

- Resume (including applicant’s current position);
- Contact information (both email and mailing addresses, as well as telephone numbers);
- A brief description of the applicant’s area of expertise and qualifications to serve on the IAC, including the applicant’s experience with telecommunications issues affecting local, state, or Tribal governments. Candidates are encouraged to provide links to any articles they have authored on relevant topics and/or public appearances available on the web for viewing; and,
- The position(s) that the applicant is applying for, i.e., elected municipal officials (city mayors and city council members); county officials (county commissioners or council members); elected or appointed local government attorney; elected state executive (Governor or Lieutenant Governor); elected state legislators; elected or appointed public utilities or public service commissioner; or elected or appointed Native American Tribal representatives. If an applicant potentially qualifies for more than one position on the IAC, he or she should specify which position they seek.

Once the Chairman of the Commission selects the members for the reauthorized IAC, the Commission will release a Public Notice announcing appointments of the new membership.

**Accessible Formats**

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**Additional Information**

For further information regarding the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, please see https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/general/intergovernmental-advisory-committee, or contact Carmen Scanlon, Attorney Advisor, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0544, carmen.scanlon@fcc.gov.