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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL VIII 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) VIII¹ in carrying out its work and seeks applications for membership to these working groups. Selected applicants will join working groups alongside CSRIC VIII members² 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: 5G Signaling Protocols Security
Co-chairs: Brian Daly, AT&T & Travis Russell, Oracle
- Working Group 2: Promoting Security, Reliability, and Interoperability of Open Radio Access Network Equipment
Co-chairs: Mike Barnes, Mavenir & George Woodward, RWA
- Working Group 3: Leveraging Virtualization Technology to Promote Secure, Reliable 5G Networks
Co-chairs: Micaela Giuhath, Microsoft & John Roese, Dell
- Working Group 4: 911 Service Over Wi-Fi
Co-chairs: Mary Boyd, Intrado & Mark Reddish, APCO
- Working Group 5: Managing Software & Cloud Services Supply Chain Security for Communications Infrastructure
Chair: Rittwik Jana, VMWare
- Working Group 6: Leveraging Mobile Device Applications and Firmware to Enhance Wireless Emergency Alerts
Co-chairs: Farrokh Khatibi, Qualcomm & Francisco Sanchez, Harris County OHSEM

A full description of each working group's task is available on the CSRIC VIII webpage: <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-1>

¹ CSRIC is an advisory committee established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App.2.

² *FCC Announces The Membership And First Meeting Of The Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council VIII*, DA 21-1150 (PSHSB 2021).

Applications for working group membership must be **submitted to CSRIC@FCC.gov no later than November 1, 2021**. 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 state and local government agencies and organizations, and representatives of consumers and community organizations that wish to be considered for membership on the CSRIC VIII Working Groups. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving nominations and expressions of interest from individuals and organizations in the following categories:

- State, tribal, territorial and/or local government agencies and organizations with expertise in communications, public safety, emergency management and/or homeland security matters;
- Federal government agencies with expertise in communications, public safety, emergency management and/or homeland security matters;
- Communications service providers and/or industry organizations representing communications service providers (to include representation by different types of communications provider interests, e.g., wireless, wireless, broadcast radio and television, and by including representation by smaller and rural providers);
- Developers of software applications and operating systems for mobile and desktop computing devices;
- Developers of mobile devices;
- Developers of new technologies;
- Organizations and other entities representing users of communications systems, such as organizations representing the business, finance, energy, education, health care, and similar sectors;
- Consumer or community organizations, such as those representing people with disabilities, the elderly, those living in rural areas, and those representing populations that speak, as their primary language, languages other than English; and
- Qualified representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant expertise regarding the subject matter.

As appropriate, the Commission may also appoint individuals to working groups as “Special Government Employees” (SGEs) based on their individual expertise.³ 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.

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.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE, DEADLINE, AND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Organizational Applicants

Applications from nonprofit organizations, corporations, or other entities (“organizational applicants”) should include the following:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominee and a description of the organization, sector or other interest the nominee will represent on the Working Group;
- Nominee’s mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number;
- A statement summarizing the nominee’s qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the Working Group; and
- A statement, if the nominee will represent a specific organization, describing the organization as well as the benefit of having the organization represented on the Working Group.

For applicants seeking to represent an organization or company, the applicant’s nomination to the Working Group must be accompanied by confirmation on the following two (2) issues:

1. The nomination must be accompanied by confirmation by an authorized person (*e.g.*, organization or company official) that such organization or company supports the nominated person to represent it on the Working Group. The nominating official must possess the executive authority or hold a sufficiently high-level position within the organization or company to select a representative whose actions will be legally binding on the organization or company. For example, this confirmation 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, *etc.*], with responsibilities for [concise description of position]. My organization supports [insert proposed member’s name], who is currently [an employee of/consultant/attorney to the company], to serve as our representative on Working Group [NUMBER] of the Commission’s Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council.”

2. For applicants seeking to represent an entity that is a party to an FCC contract or subcontract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC under contract or subcontract, **or in the case of any applicant who is individually a party to such a contract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC under such a contract**, the nomination must include the following: 1) a general description of the contract/agreement; 2) a description of the product/services that the applicant provides pursuant to the contract/agreement; 3) a list of all parties to the contract/agreement; 4) the name of the Commission contracting officer (if known); and 5) a certification of the applicant that the applicant has provided written notice to the contracting officer and the FCC Manager, Contracts and Purchasing Center, that the applicant or representative nominee, as applicable, has applied for membership on a Working Group of the Commission’s Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council.

Individual Applicants

Applications from individual applicants who would serve as SGEs, as defined above, should include the following:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominee and a description of the interest the nominee will

represent;

- Nominee's mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number;
- A statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the Working Group; and
- A statement that the individual applicant is not a registered federal lobbyist (as noted above, financial and other additional disclosures may also apply to individual applicants).

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 the CSRIC VIII Working Groups will be subject to the same evaluation criteria.

All nominations, including the requisite statements listed above, should be submitted by e-mail to CSRIC@fcc.gov, and should be received by the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than November 1, 2021

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 CSRIC VIII can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-1>. You may also contact Suzon Cameron, Designated Federal Official (DFO) for CSRIC VIII, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-1916, or Kurian Jacob, Deputy DFO, at (202) 418-2040, or via the CSRIC e-mail account at CSRIC@fcc.gov.

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