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FCC RELEASES AGENDA FOR TECH AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY SYMPOSIUM AND VIRTUAL FAIR TO BE HELD APRIL 28

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By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission releases the agenda for the *Tech and Communications Diversity Opportunity Symposium and Virtual Fair* on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 12:00 noon to 6:45 pm. EDT. The agenda is attached as an appendix to this Public Notice. The Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE), ACDDE member Internet Association, and the FCC's Media Bureau are co-sponsoring the Symposium and Virtual Fair. Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel will welcome the Symposium participants. Edith McCloud, Acting National Director, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, will deliver keynote remarks. Prior registration is required for the Symposium. Advance registration for the Virtual Fair is closed.

The *Tech and Communications Diversity Opportunity Symposium and Virtual Fair* will provide information, resources, and support to diverse communications businesses (DCBs), including those focused on legacy communications industries (e.g., radio, television, telecommunications, cable, and satellite), and those engaged in technology-oriented industries seeking business opportunities as vendors, suppliers, or partners with tech and communications companies or government agencies. DCBs include small businesses, minority- and ethnic-owned, women-owned, Veteran-owned, LGBTQ-owned, and disabled-owned businesses.

The Symposium will include two informative panels from 12 noon – 3:45 pm (EDT). The first panel, ***Your Tax Dollars at Work: Government Programs and Initiatives***, will feature a discussion with representatives from federal, state, and local government agencies on financing and procurement opportunities and trends, highlighting diversity requirements and standards; training, education, and consulting opportunities; and mentoring, incubation, and apprenticeship programs. The second panel, ***For We Have Promises to Keep: Private Sector Programs and Initiatives***, will showcase representatives from private sector companies and organizations that will also discuss procurement opportunities and trends, highlighting diversity requirements and standards, as well as Tier II efforts and opportunities; training, education, and consulting opportunities; mentoring, incubation, and apprenticeship programs; new and updated funding sources; and discounted or special services and plans for DCBs.

The final component of the program, a Virtual Fair from 4:00 pm to 6:45 pm, will feature one-on-one confidential consultations during which small and diverse communications business owners will receive individualized advice on supplier and vendor strategies (Tier I and Tier II); financial support for small and diverse communications businesses; training, educational or consulting programs/initiatives; discounted or special services and products for DCBs; and mentoring, incubation or apprenticeship programs/initiatives. The Virtual Fair is open to DCB owners, managers, and employees.

The companies, organizations and government agencies scheduled to participate in the Virtual Fair include Accompanying Capital, AT&T, Beasley Media Group, LLC, Charter Communications, Comcast Corporation, District of Columbia Department of Small and Local Business Development, Intelligent Waves, LLC, Minority Business Development Agency (US Department of Commerce), National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Foundation, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Paypal, T-Mobile USA, Inc., Verizon, and the Wireless Infrastructure Association.

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

1. Copy the link below and paste it into your browser: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o4z1mHSRSYyOhtQeGtL8eA
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 Symposium.

Registrants will receive email confirmation of their Symposium registration.

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 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, or Julie Saulnier, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1598, or Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov; or Jamile Kadre, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2245 or Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov.

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OPPORTUNITY SYMPOSIUM AND VIRTUAL FAIR**

**CO-SPONSORED BY THE
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ACDDE MEMBER INTERNET ASSOCIATION
AND THE
DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSION WORKING GROUP OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT**

April 28, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

12:00 pm:

Introduction

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

Opening Remarks

Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel
Federal Communications Commission

Welcome Remarks

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

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, ACDDE

Sean Perryman, Director, Social Impact Policy and Counsel
Internet Association

K. Dane Snowden, President and CEO
Internet Association

12:30 pm:

Keynote Remarks

Edith McCloud, Acting National Director
Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce

12:40 pm

SESSION I – “Your Tax Dollars at Work: Government Programs and Initiatives”

Opening Remarks and Panel Moderator

Sanford S. Williams, Director, FCC Office of Communications Business
Opportunities and Special Advisor, Office of FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica
Rosenworcel

Panelists

Tony Crescenzo, President, Intelligent Waves, LLC
Member of Northern Virginia Technology Council

Major L. Clark, III, Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy
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Joycelyn James, Tech, Equity & Inclusion Manager, Office of the Deputy Mayor
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Scott D. Woods, Senior Broadband Specialist
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Angela M. Washington, Supervisory, Business Development Specialist
Minority Business Development Agency
U.S. Department of Commerce

2:00 pm

Symposium Break

2:15 pm

SESSION II – “For We Have Promises to Keep: Private Sector Programs and Initiatives”

Opening Remarks

Heather Gate, Director, Digital Inclusion
Connected Nation
Vice Chair, ACDDE

Panel Moderator

Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
Representing the Hispanic National Bar Association
Chair, ACDDE

Panelists

The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein, President & CEO
The Wireless Infrastructure Association

Jalayna F. Bolden, Executive Director, Supplier Diversity, Global Connection &
Supplier Chain
AT&T Services, Inc.

Jesús Borboa, Supplier Diversity Manager
PayPal

Melissa Bradley, Founder and Managing Member
1863 Ventures

Chris James, President and CEO
National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

Antonio Tijerino, President & CEO
Hispanic Heritage Foundation

3:35 pm

Closing Remarks

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

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer
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