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## FCC ANNOUNCES APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL DEAF-BLIND EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

### CG Docket No. 10-210

Under the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), also called “iCanConnect,” the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) may provide up to \$10 million annually from the interstate telecommunications relay service fund (TRS Fund) to support local programs that distribute equipment to eligible low-income individuals who are deafblind, so that these individuals can access telecommunications service, Internet access service, and advanced communications services.<sup>1</sup> Every five years, the Commission’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) must certify a single entity for each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as the sole entity for that jurisdiction to administer the NDBEDP and receive reimbursement for NDBEDP activities from the TRS Fund.<sup>2</sup> By this notice, CGB announces the applicants for NDBEDP certification for the certification cycle July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Pursuant to NDBEDP rules, applications for this certification cycle were required to be filed one year before the end of the current certification period, or by June 30, 2021.<sup>3</sup>

In accordance with the *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, CGB publishes this list of entities that have applied for certification to participate in the NDBEDP.<sup>4</sup> In addition, this announcement provides notice to all certification applicants of any competing applications.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 620; *see also* 47 CFR §§ 64.6201-64.6219; *Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals*, CG No. 10-210, Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 9178 (2016) (*NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*).

<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 64.6207; *see also NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 9184, para. 9.

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 64.6207; *see also NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 9194, para. 32.

<sup>4</sup> *NDBEDP Permanent Program Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 9186-87, para. 16.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* CGB received at least one application for certification for each jurisdiction and two applications for the state of Florida. CGB will release additional public notices announcing entities selected for certification under the NDBEDP after reviewing applications and supplemental materials received for each state. In addition, CGB will take appropriate steps to minimize possible service disruptions by providing as much advance notice as possible about such selections. *See id.*

**APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION:**

State	Applicants
Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind</li> </ul>
Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistive Technology of Alaska</li> </ul>
Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired</li> </ul>
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind</li> </ul>
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connecticut Tech Act Project</li> </ul>
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Delaware – Center for Disabilities Studies</li> </ul>
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> <li>• Florida Alliance for Assistive Services &amp; Technology, Inc.</li> </ul>
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.</li> </ul>
Hawaii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Idaho – Center on Disabilities and Human Development</li> </ul>
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center</li> </ul>
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistive Technology for Kansans</li> </ul>
Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affiliated Blind of Louisiana Training Center</li> </ul>
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Rights Maine</li> </ul>
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Michigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missouri Assistive Technology</li> </ul>
Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Nebraska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership</li> </ul>
Nevada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>

New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Inc.</li> </ul>
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired</li> </ul>
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing</li> </ul>
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Dakota Assistive</li> </ul>
Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services</li> </ul>
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access Technologies, Inc.</li> </ul>
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institute on Disabilities – Temple University</li> </ul>
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
South Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
South Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Dakota Department of Human Services</li> </ul>
Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennessee Public Utility Commission</li> </ul>
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
Wisconsin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wisconsin Department of Health Services</li> </ul>
Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wyoming Institute for Disabilities – University of Wyoming</li> </ul>
<b>Other Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Applicants</b>
District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TCSAccess</li> </ul>
American Samoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
Guam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
Northern Mariana Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults</li> </ul>
Puerto Rico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>
U.S. Virgin Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perkins School for the Blind</li> </ul>

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