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**FCC ANNOUNCES A TRIBAL WORKSHOP**

**TO BE HELD AUGUST 9-10 AT THE CHEROKEE NATION**

**777 W. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, OK 74015**

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces an upcoming in-person workshop for Tribal governments, Tribal employees, and Tribal members. This event is designed to provide information that will help Tribal Nations identify and evaluate opportunities to develop more robust broadband infrastructure and services in Tribal communities. It is also designed to provide information about the FCC and how it conducts its regulatory responsibilities, and to encourage Tribal participation in the regulatory process.

FCC staff will provide presentations on a broad range of important FCC programs and policies that support the deployment of communications infrastructure and services in Tribal communities (e.g., Broadband Data Collection, Affordable Connectivity Program, Universal Service Fund Schools and Libraries Program). Such infrastructure supports Tribal economic development, Tribal schools and libraries, and low-income families, as well as public safety departments, and Tribal government administration. Representatives of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) have also been invited to share information on the relevant programs they manage. In addition, a representative from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will provide training on the application process for the FCC’s E-rate (Schools and Libraries) Program, which provides discounts to qualifying schools and libraries for broadband equipment and services.

Tribal government leaders, Tribal IT managers, government and community planners and managers, Tribal enterprise specialists, and representatives of Tribal social service agencies, schools, and libraries are all persons who should consider attending this event.

The workshop will be held August 9-10, 2022 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa, 777 W. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, OK 74015. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. on both days.

**Registration is free.** To register for the workshop, please send your name, title, Tribal affiliation, and contact information to native@fcc.gov with the subject line “August Workshop.” Questions about the workshop may be directed to the Office of Native Affairs and Policy: Sayuri Rajapakse, Acting Chief, sayuri.rajapakse@fcc.gov or Derik Goatson, Legal Advisor, derik.goatson@fcc.gov.

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