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UNDERSTANDING TRIBAL ACCESS TO WIRELESS SPECTRUM AND DATA VIRTUAL WEBINAR ON NOVEMBER 16, 2023

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Washington, D.C. – On Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. ET, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Office of Native Affairs and Policy will host a virtual webinar to provide an overview of their Public Notice on Tribal Access to Wireless Spectrum and Related Data: Public Notice, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Native Affairs and Policy Seek Comment on Tribal Nation and Native Hawaiian Access to Spectrum and Related Data, GN Docket No. 23-265. The notice seeks public comment on ways in which the Commission can improve its understanding of how and the extent to which Tribal Nations and the Native Hawaiian Community are able to access wireless spectrum. The FCC's wireless licensing application forms currently collect certain types of demographic or other identifying information from Tribal or Native Hawaiian applicants. In order to improve our understanding of how Tribal Nations and the Native Hawaiian Community are able to access wireless spectrum, we are seeking input on how to refine the licensee and demographic information collected on such forms.

The November 16th webinar will provide an overview of information currently collected through license applications and is designed to assist interested parties in how to submit comments responsive to the Public Notice on Tribal Access to Wireless Spectrum and Related Data. The deadline for filed public comments is November 30, 2023.

We encourage individuals interested in this issue to review the <u>Public Notice</u>, which includes a list of questions to guide commenters in their feedback. These questions and the background in the Public Notice will be helpful for webinar attendees.

Official registration is recommended but not required for this event. Please send a message to Tribal.Events@fcc.gov stating "November 16th Webinar" in the subject line. You may submit questions prior to the event by sending an email to Tribal.Events@fcc.gov. Open 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). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please indicate how FCC staff may contact you in the event more information is needed to fill the request. Last minute requests will be accepted although it may not be possible to accommodate them.

For additional information about the webinar, please contact Denise Rosado at Denise.Rosado@fcc.gov or Lloyd Collier at Lloyd.Collier@fcc.gov. Visit the event webpage: https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2023/11/understanding-tribal-access-wireless-spectrum-and-related-data.