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## COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL TO HOST MARCH 6, 2023 DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM FORUM

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This Public Notice announces that the Federal Communications Commission's Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC) will host a Digital Ecosystem Forum on March 6, 2023, from 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET. Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel will deliver opening remarks. The forum will be held virtually, beginning at 12:00 pm ET, and will be available to the public for viewing via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

The innovation of technology has transformed almost every aspect of our daily lives – from how we learn, communicate, and develop professionally. The Diversity and Equity Working Group of the CEDC will bring together industry thought leaders to discuss how the U.S. can provide digital and technology upskilling through multiple avenues, including via non-traditional local and regional anchor institutions, in order to create a more diverse workforce. The half-day virtual forum will focus on the future of “work,” with the goal of providing tangible options to ensure that historically underserved populations benefit from next generation technologies.

Panel presentations will include:

- **Your Role in the Ecosystem:** Key stakeholders will raise awareness about the challenges to, and opportunities for, growth in tech education and employment in the technology sector. The stakeholders include training organizations that have focused on underserved communities, employers with programs assisting underserved communities, and public sector leaders with insights on new tech workforce models at the county and state level.
- **Company Roles and Efforts to Upskill the Workers of Tomorrow:** Employers with programs for upskilling, certification training, and apprenticeships, with a particular focus on creating a path towards full-time employment, will share their experiences. This segment will focus on a discussion amongst employers about ways to make talent recruiting more inclusive and provide greater upskilling opportunities, particularly for underserved communities.
- **Public and Private Sector Synergy to Employ the Workers of Tomorrow:** This session will help identify successful public and private sector workforce models focused on “future of work” training, job placement, and employer engagement.
- **How Are Non-Traditional Anchor Institutions Accelerating Digital Adoption and Upskilling:** This session will review successful practices that non-traditional anchor institutions have employed, in their capacity as respected local institutions. The discussion will focus on a wide breadth of training programs, ranging from junior high school through college, and will examine how to maximize partnerships with existing state/federal institutions.

The detailed agenda for the Digital Ecosystem Forum will be released prior to the event. The forum will be available to the public via live feed from the FCC's web page at <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. The public may also follow the forum on the Commission's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fccdotgovvideo>. In addition, the public may follow the event on Twitter@fcc or via the Commission's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fcc](http://www.facebook.com/fcc). Members of the public may submit questions during the panel discussions to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@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](mailto: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 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.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs). Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council, at (202) 418-2608, or [Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov); or Aurélie Mathieu, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2194 or [Aurelie.Mathieu@fcc.gov](mailto:Aurelie.Mathieu@fcc.gov); or Diana Coho, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Specialist, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-2848 or [Diana.Coho@fcc.gov](mailto:Diana.Coho@fcc.gov).

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