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## COMMUNICATIONS EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COUNCIL TO HOST MARCH 23, 2023 LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC ROUNDTABLE

### GN Docket No. 17-208

This Public Notice announces that the Federal Communications Commission's Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC) will host a roundtable discussion on **Lessons Learned from the Pandemic on Broadband Access, Affordability and Deployment**, on March 23, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, DST. The roundtable discussion will be held virtually and will be available to the public for viewing via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

The goal of the roundtable is to convene key stakeholders across community organizations, internet service providers (ISPs), federal agencies with emergency broadband funding, and state agencies to assess lessons learned concerning programs that provided broadband connectivity to opportunity communities during the pandemic. The half-day virtual workshop will provide a platform to hear from experts from a range of backgrounds and a diverse set of stakeholders about efforts to promote digital equity, broadband adoption, and digital skills training for opportunity communities.

Two panel discussions are planned for the roundtable. **Panel 1, Affordability, Availability and Deployment**, will help identify successful strategies various organizations and entities implemented to promote deployment of affordable and accessible broadband service during the pandemic, and engage about measures that worked well and the best practices going forward to address challenges in the event of a future pandemic or health emergency. This panel is scheduled for 10:20 am – 11:30 am DST. **Panel 2, Adoption and Digital Readiness**, will help identify programs initiated during the pandemic to address adoption and digital readiness, and the opportunities that exist to scale successful programs, while funding them sufficiently to be effective. This panel is scheduled for 12:00 noon – 1:15 pm.

The detailed agenda for the "Lessons Learned from the Pandemic" roundtable discussion will be released prior to the event. The public may view the roundtable discussion via live feed from the FCC's web page at <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. The public may also follow the roundtable discussion 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 roundtable 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 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), or Ashley Tyson, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau at [Ashley.Tyson@fcc.gov](mailto:Ashley.Tyson@fcc.gov) or (202) 418-1137.

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