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FCC ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On February 7, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission" or "FCC") opened nominations for membership on its reauthorized Intergovernmental Advisory Committee ("IAC" or "Committee").¹ The original deadline for nominations was April 7, 2023.² By this Public Notice, the Commission extends the deadline to submit nominations through May 12, 2023.

As indicated in the *IAC Nominations Public Notice*, the term of operations for the reauthorized IAC will be limited to two years, with an option for reauthorization at the end of the two-year period and will commence with its first meeting.³ Because this committee consists of only State, Local or Tribal governmental elected officials (or their designated appointees), the IAC is not subject to, and is not required to follow, the procedures set forth in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).⁴

The mission of the IAC is to provide aid to the Commission on the many telecommunications issues affecting Tribal, State, and Local governments that are within the jurisdiction of the FCC. The duties of the Committee may include providing guidance to the Commission, gathering data and information, aiding the agency on outreach when needed, and performing analyses the Commission deems necessary to address questions and policy matters before it.

During its two-year term, the IAC may be tasked by the Chairperson to produce specific, substantive, written deliverables that will further the Commission's mission and objectives. The IAC may establish working groups to facilitate its work. Working group discussions will be conducted primarily through email and teleconferences. The time commitment for each working group will differ, depending on the issues on which the Commission directs the IAC to provide guidance.

APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION

Nominations procedures remain unchanged. Nominees for IAC membership must submit their applications via email to IAC@fcc.gov no later than May 12, 2023. Persons who submitted

² Id.

¹ See FCC Announces Reauthorization of its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership on the Committee, Public Notice, DA 23-109 (*IAC Nominations Public Notice*). https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-23-109A1.docx.

³ The IAC is authorized under Commission rules to operate for a two-year period following its first scheduled meeting. 47 CFR § 0.701(a).

⁴ The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) provides for this exemption for "actions in support of intergovernmental communications - where (1) meetings are held exclusively between Federal officials and elected officers of State, local, and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf) acting in their official capacities" 2 U.S.C. §1534(b).

applications prior to the original April 7, 2023 deadline *do not* need to re-apply or re-submit their materials.

The application does not require a particular format, but must include the following information:

- Resumé (including applicant's current position);
- Contact information (both email and mailing addresses, as well as telephone numbers);
- A brief description of the applicant's area of expertise and qualifications to serve on the IAC, including the applicant's experience with communications issues affecting state, local, or Tribal governments. Candidates are encouraged to provide links to any articles they have authored on relevant topics and/or public appearances available on the web for viewing; and,
- The position(s) that the applicant is applying for, *i.e.*, elected municipal officials (city mayors and city council members); county officials (county commissioners or council members); elected or appointed Local government attorney; elected State executive (Governor or Lieutenant Governor); elected State legislators; elected or appointed public utilities or public service commissioner; or elected or appointed Native American Tribal representatives. If an applicant potentially qualifies for more than one position on the IAC, he or she should specify which position they seek.

Applicants are reminded that they will undergo vetting for conflicts of interest. Please respond promptly to any inquiries from FCC Ethics Counsel to avoid any delays in the review of your application. Once the Chairperson of the Commission selects the members for the reauthorized IAC, the Commission will release a Public Notice announcing appointments of the new membership.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to $\underline{fcc504@fcc.gov}$ or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice).

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