



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **FCC SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON TECHNOLOGICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) is seeking nominations for membership on the Technological Advisory Council (TAC or Council). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, the Commission anticipates renewing the charter of the TAC, for a period of two (2) years starting on or about September 7, 2023. The Commission anticipates that the first meeting of the TAC will be in December 2023.

**Nominations for membership must be submitted to the FCC no later than September 22, 2023. Procedures for submitting nominations are set forth below.**

### **MISSION**

The mission of the TAC is to provide technical advice and recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission on the issues and questions presented to it by the FCC. The TAC will focus on key issues affecting the development and deployment of emerging communications technologies to spur opportunities for innovation, competition, adoption, greater efficiencies, job creation, and other national priorities.

The TAC will provide technical advice to the Commission and make recommendations on the issues and questions presented to it. It is anticipated that Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel will ask the TAC to evaluate several issues, including: continued efforts at looking beyond 5G advanced as 6G begins to develop so as to facilitate U.S. leadership; studying advanced spectrum sharing techniques, including the implementation of artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve the utilization and administration of spectrum; and other emerging technologies.

### **BACKGROUND**

The TAC is organized under, and will operate in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).<sup>1</sup> As authorized by FACA, the Council may facilitate its work through informal subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Council, which shall report their activities and recommendations to the Council as a whole.

The Commission may ask the Council to create written recommendations or reports to the Commission. The time commitment for participation in any subcommittee or other subgroup may be substantial as such groups may be asked to submit recommendations or reports to the full Council for its

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. 10.

consideration. However, subcommittee or other subgroup meetings may be conducted informally, using suitable technology to facilitate the meetings, subject to oversight by the Designated Federal Officer of the TAC.

Members will serve at the discretion of the Chairwoman of the Commission. Members must be willing to commit to a two-year term of service from the date of re-charter of the Council and should be willing and able to attend approximately four (4) one-day plenary committee meetings per year during the Council's term. Members also will be encouraged to participate in deliberations of at least one (1) subcommittee or other subgroup, if any are established. The Commission will determine the appropriate Council size necessary to effectively accomplish the Council's work. Members who fail to regularly attend and participate in subcommittee or plenary committee meetings without excuse for their absence may, at the FCC's discretion, be removed.

Meetings of the full Council shall be open to the public and timely notice of each meeting shall be published in the Federal Register and shall be further publicized through other appropriate vehicles. All such meetings will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

#### **WHO MAY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

The Commission seeks applications for membership as a primary representative or as an entity's alternate from representatives of various sectors of the communications industry, representatives of state and local government agencies and organizations, and representatives of consumers and community organizations that wish to be considered for membership on the TAC. Individuals may also apply for membership in their individual capacities. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving nominations and expressions of interest from individuals and organizations in the following categories:

- Communications service providers, and organizations representing communications service providers, including wireline and wireless communications service providers, broadcast radio and television licensees, cable television operators and other multichannel video programming distributors, satellite communications service providers, and Internet Service Providers;
- Manufacturers of communications equipment and organizations representing manufacturers of communications equipment;
- Providers of internet applications or cloud-based services;
- Scientists and engineers from academia, or who serve as independent consultants, who are recognized experts in their field; and
- Qualified representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant expertise.

Members will be selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the Council. Members will be appointed as representatives of their organizations or, if appropriate, in their individual capacities as "Special Government Employees." The application requirements for each of those categories are described below. All organizational and all individual members appointed to the Council or its

working groups are subject to an ethics review by the Commission's Office of General Counsel. Council members will not be compensated for their service or for related expenses, including travel expenses.

Consistent with Executive Order 14035 (June 25, 2021) and other governing law, the Commission values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on its federal advisory committees. The Commission's federal advisory committees strive for a membership that reflects the diversity of the American people.

Applicants possessing expertise or perspectives of interest to the Council who have requested to serve in an individual capacity as an SGE shall be eligible only if they are not federally registered lobbyists. SGEs are subject to a variety of restrictions under the conflict-of-interest statutes, 18 U.S.C. § 203 et seq., and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, 5 C.F.R. Part 2635. SGEs must file confidential employee financial disclosure reports prior to beginning their service and annually thereafter. SGEs will also be subject to ethics restrictions in section 4(b) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 154(b), and in the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 19 and 5 C.F.R. Parts 3901 and 3902.

All members will have an initial and continuing obligation to disclose any interests in, or connections to, persons or entities that are, or will be, regulated by or have interests before the Commission and shall promptly report to the DFO any changes in representation during their tenure on the federal advisory committee.

Please note this *Public Notice* is not intended to be the exclusive method by which the Commission will solicit nominations to identify qualified candidates; however, all candidates for membership on the Council will be subject to the same evaluation criteria.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL NOMINATIONS**

**All nominations should be submitted to the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than September 22, 2023. All nominations, including the requisite statements listed below, should be submitted by e-mail to [TAC@fcc.gov](mailto:TAC@fcc.gov).**

No specific nomination form is required; however, each nomination for a primary representative or an alternate must include the following information:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominee;
- The nominee's mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number;
- A description of the organization's business, including the telecommunications sector or other interests that are relevant to the Council's business, and a statement of the benefit of having the organization represented on the Council;
- A statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the Council, including a narrative detailing the nominee's involvement in issues relevant to the Council as well as a current resume of the nominee;

- A statement by the organization indicating a willingness to have its representative serve on the Council for a two-year term, attend at least four Council meetings, and participate in at least one working group;
- An acknowledgement that neither the organization nor its representative will receive reimbursement of travel expenses or honoraria from the Council.

An organizational applicant nominating a representative to serve on its behalf on the Council must submit a written confirmation by an authorized person (*e.g.*, organization or company official) that such organization or company wants the nominee to serve on its behalf on the Council. The nominating official must possess the executive authority or hold a sufficiently high-level position with the organization to select a representative whose actions will be legally binding on the organizational applicant. For example, this confirmation may be in the following format: “I am [insert official’s name], the [insert official’s title] at the [insert name of organization - *e.g.*, company, government entity, trade association, *etc.*], with responsibilities for [concise description of position]. My organization would like [insert proposed member’s name], who is currently [an employee of/consultant/attorney to the company] to serve as our representative on the Commission’s Technological Advisory Council.”

For nominees seeking to represent an entity that is a party to an FCC contract or subcontract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC under contract or subcontract, or in the case of any applicant or nominee who is individually a party to such a contract or providing services for the benefit of the FCC under such a contract, the nomination must include the following:

- A general description of the contract/agreement;
- A description of the product/services that the applicant provides pursuant to the contract/agreement;
- A list of all parties to the contract/agreement;
- The name of the Commission contracting officer (if known); and,
- A certification made by the applicant or nominee that the applicant or nominee has provided written notice to the contracting officer and the FCC Manager, Contracts and Purchasing Center, that the applicant or representative nominee, as applicable, has applied for membership on the Council.

In addition, organizational nominees are required to disclose whether they represent clients before the FCC or represent clients in matters that may come before the Council, other than representing the organizational applicant that has nominated the proposed representative for service on the Council. Each nominee shall provide with the application all details of any such representation.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS SGE MEMBERS**

**Nominations should be submitted to the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than September 22, 2023. All nominations, including the requisite statements listed below, should be submitted by e-mail to [TAC@fcc.gov](mailto:TAC@fcc.gov).**

Individuals seeking to serve as Special Government Employee members of the Council should include the following application information:

- Name and title of the applicant; current mailing address, email address, and telephone number;
- A statement summarizing the applicant's qualifications and reasons why the applicant should be appointed to the Council. That statement shall include the individual's specific knowledge or expertise that is relevant to the work of the Council, including a statement that the applicant is not a registered lobbyist (as noted above, financial and other additional disclosures may also be required);
- A statement that the applicant does not have a contractual or other financial agreement (including as a contractor or subcontractor) with the Council;
- A statement indicating a willingness to serve on the Council for a two-year term, a commitment to attend at least four meetings per year, and a commitment to participate in at least one working group;
- An acknowledgement that the individual will not be entitled to receive reimbursement of travel expenses or payment of honoraria or other compensation from the Council;
- A current resume;
- A statement that the applicant does not have clients with matters before the FCC or with matters which may come before the Council.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

More information about the TAC can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/technological-advisory-council>. You may also contact Martin Doczkat, the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Technological Advisory Council, at (202) 418-2435, email: [Martin.Doczkat@fcc.gov](mailto:Martin.Doczkat@fcc.gov).

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