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FCC ANNOUNCES A TRIBAL WORKSHOP HOSTED BY THE PENOBSCOT NATION, OCTOBER 12-13, 2023

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces an upcoming in-person workshop for Tribal governments, Tribal employees, and Tribal members. This event is designed to provide information that will help Tribal Nations identify and evaluate opportunities to develop more robust broadband infrastructure and services in Tribal communities. It is also designed to provide information about FCC policies and programs to address the lack of adequate communications services on Tribal lands nationwide.

FCC staff will provide presentations on a broad range of important FCC initiatives that support the deployment of communications infrastructure and services in Tribal communities (e.g., Broadband Data Collection, Affordable Connectivity Program, Universal Service Fund Schools and Libraries Program). Such infrastructure supports Tribal economic development, Tribal schools and libraries, and low-income families, as well as public safety departments, and Tribal government administration. Participants will also receive updates on the current FCC proceedings that provide opportunities for Tribal Nations to inform the FCC to help ensure that Native views and interests are heard in the decision-making process.

Tribal government leaders, Tribal service provider and IT managers, government and community planners and managers, Tribal enterprise specialists, and representatives of Tribal social service agencies, schools, and libraries are all persons who should consider attending this event. The workshop, to be hosted by the Penobscot Nation, will be held October 12-13, 2023 at the Nic Sapiel Building, 27 Wabanaki Way, Indian Island, ME 04468.

Registration is free. To register for the workshop, please send your name, title, Tribal affiliation, and contact information, with the subject line "October Workshop" to **Tribal.Events@fcc.gov**. Questions about the workshop may be directed to the Office of Native Affairs and Policy: Lloyd Collier, Lloyd.Collier@fcc.gov or Derik Goatson, Derik.Goatson@fcc.gov. Walk-ins can also be accommodated.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request by sending an e-mail to: FCC504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice). Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible as we may be unable to fulfill last minute requests.