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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SUBMIT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO FEDERAL PARTNERS ON CERTAIN MEASUREMENT FACILITIES (TEST LABS) WITH APPARENT TIES TO GOVERNMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

ET Docket No. 24-136

On May 2, 2024, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology submitted a request for information (RFI) to nine federal partners on certain measurement facilities (test labs) with apparent ties to the Government of the People's Republic of China.

In the public draft of the *Promoting the Integrity and Security of Telecommunications Certification Bodies, Measurement Facilities, and the Equipment Authorization Program* (ET Docket No. 24-136), which is to be considered by the Commission at its May 23rd meeting, the FCC seeks comment on, among other things, whether the Commission should prohibit participation in the Commission's equipment authorization program of entities that are subject to the exploitation, influence, or control by the government of a "foreign adversary" country on the Department of Commerce's "foreign adversaries" list,¹ such as a state-owned enterprise, or entities with ownership interests by municipal, state or other governmental entity within a foreign adversary country.²

As part of ongoing efforts by the FCC to protect our nation's communications networks, the RFI will inform the FCC's review of certain test labs. These test labs gather radiofrequency measurement data and develop technical reports concerning equipment that entities submit for FCC authorization for compliance with applicable technical rules. Recipients of the RFI include principals from the Bureau of Industry Security of the Department of Commerce, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Defense, Department of Justice, Federal Acquisition Security Council, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, National Counterintelligence and Security Center of the Office of Director of National Intelligence, and National Security Agency. The RFI seeks responses by May 16, 2024.

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¹ See 15 CFR §§ 7.2, 7.4. These provisions were promulgated pursuant to Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019, "Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain." See Exec. Order No. 13873, 84 Fed. Reg. 22689 (May 15, 2019), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/17/2019-10538/securing-the-information-and-communications-technology-and-services-supply-chain>.

² See *Promoting the Integrity and Security of Telecommunications Certification Bodies, Measurement Facilities, and the Equipment Authorization Program*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (ET Docket No. 24-136), para. 33.

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