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## PUBLIC FORUM ON STATUS OF "A NEW FCC FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY," SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28

Implementation of Draft Strategic Plan to be Discussed

A public forum to discuss the status of the initiatives announced last August in Chairman Kennard's strategic plan, "A New FCC for the 21st Century," will be held Friday, April 28, from 10 am to noon. The draft plan is available on the FCC website at: www.fcc.gov/21st\_century.

The forum will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It will be open to the public and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

FCC Chief of Staff Kathryn Brown will give an overview of the status of the Draft Strategic Plan as detailed in the implementation "Report Card," which was delivered to Congress on March 21. Updates will be provided by members of the four steering committees that were established to oversee the implementation of the plan's four primary goals to successfully carry out the transition from a market regulator to a market facilitator. Those goals are to (1) create a model agency for the digital age; (2) promote competition in all communications markets; (3) promote opportunities for all Americans to benefit from the communications revolution; and (4) manage the electromagnetic spectrum. Time will be available for questions and answers following each presentation and at the end of the forum.

The forum will be closed captioned. It also will be captioned on the Internet and will be carried live through RealAudio from the FCC website at: <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio">http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio</a>.

A limited number of phone lines will be available for participants who are not able to attend the forum but who wish to comment or ask questions. To participate by telephone, contact Maureen Peratino at (202) 418-0506 or email at <a href="mailto:mperatin@fcc.gov">mperatin@fcc.gov</a>. TTY users can submit questions and comments during the forum by calling (202) 418-7816.

A transcript of the forum will be available 10 business days after the event on the FCC's Internet site. The URL address for the FCC's Internet Home Page is http://www.fcc.gov. Transcripts may also be obtained from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800, TTY (202) 293-8810, or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

Audio and video tapes of the forum may be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834-0100 or by faxing Infocus at (703) 834-0111. Copies of the transcript in other alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Martha Contee at (202) 418-0260 voice, (202) 418-2555 TTY, or at mcontee@fcc.gov.

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