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FCC SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Today, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) released a Public Notice seeking nominations for membership on its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (“IAC” or “Committee”), which is eligible for the intergovernmental exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988).

The IAC, formerly known as the Local and State Government Advisory Committee, was created in 1997 to provide guidance to the Commission on issues of importance to state, local and tribal governments, as well as to the Commission. The Committee is composed of 15 elected and appointed officials of municipal, county, state, and tribal governments. The Committee provides ongoing advice and information to the Commission on a broad range of telecommunications issues of interest to state, local and tribal governments, including cable and local franchising, public rights-of-way, facilities siting, universal service, broadband access, barriers to competitive entry, and public safety communications, for which the Commission explicitly or inherently shares responsibility or administration with local, county, state, or tribal governments.

Nominations for the IAC are due at the Commission no later than September 29, 2003. From the list of those nominated, FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell will appoint a total of 15 members in accordance with the following allocations: seven local, five state, and three tribal officials. Selections will be made to maximize the diversity of viewpoints on an advisory body charged with providing guidance to the Commission on matters relevant to state, local and tribal governments. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving nominations from individuals with the following credentials: persons representing geographic areas that have not been represented in the past, such as Southern states (for example, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana) and Southwestern states (for example, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah); persons representing rural areas; and persons with specific expertise in homeland security matters, including expertise in, or responsibility for, emergency response systems and public safety spectrum and interference matters.

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