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## **FCC INTRODUCES NEW EXHIBIT ON HISTORY OF THE INTERNET**

Washington, D. C. -- The FCC today introduced the third in a series of exhibits on the history of various communications technologies. The new exhibit focuses on the history of the Internet, including the communication technologies used to access the Internet.

Although the popular perception is that the Internet is a relatively new phenomenon, its roots go back to the early 1960s. It was in 1966 that the FCC first indicated its interest in the emerging integration of computers and communications with a Notice of Inquiry commonly called Computer 1. This, and the subsequent Computer II and Computer III proceedings, established the distinction that remains today between regulated telecommunications services and unregulated information services. Nearly forty years later, market forces have driven the Internet's growth, and the FCC played an important role in carving out a deregulatory environment in which the Internet could flourish.

The new web site (<http://www.fcc.gov/omd/history>) briefly covers the public needs that led to the development of the Internet, the common standards that underpin the Internet, and the underlying communications that made the Internet possible. From the web site, pictures of the related exhibit and display cases found in the FCC's headquarters building can also be accessed from the web site.

The exhibits, displays, and web site of the FCC's history project are designed to highlight the rich technological heritage that underlies today's vibrant communications marketplace.

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