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FCC ANNOUNCES FINAL DETAILS OF 2ND ANNUAL SATELLITE FORUM TO BE HELD MARCH 21, 2005

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has released the agenda and final details of the FCC's 2nd Annual Satellite Forum to be held March 21st at 10:00 am at the Commission. The event will focus on the role satellites play in everyday communications and how the lives of consumers in the United States and around the globe are enhanced by these services. *A detailed agenda is attached.*

The forum, which is open to the public, will be held at the FCC headquarters building, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. starting at 10:00 am and ending at 3:30 pm. FCC Commissioners will participate in various panel sessions throughout the day.

The forum will include four sessions which will highlight the areas of mobility, integrated services, satellite solutions for the developing world, and portability of satellite devices.

- (1) **Mobility:** Session will session will outline satellite services that provide broadband communication capabilities to consumers as they move, in trains, airplanes and automobiles
- (2) **Seamless Integration of Satellite Service:** This session will showcase communications services that combine satellite and other, terrestrial, technologies to serve consumers and businesses.
- (3) **Global Solutions:** This session will discuss satellites providing instant infrastructure and disaster relief in the developing world.
- (4) **Portability:** Session will display and discuss new, cutting edge consumer devices deployed for satellite communications.

The forum is designed to educate and inform the public about the variety of satellite services available. The event will feature discussion panels and interactive demonstrations of satellite-based communications services.

Webcast and Video

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio.

Reasonable Accommodations

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty)

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Information will be posted on the event website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/sd/forum/>

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Presenters:

Otto W. Hoernig, III, *Spacelink International*
Jeffrey Carl, *Spacenet, Inc.*
Paul Bickford, *Bickford Broadcast Vehicles.*
Dick Tauber, *CNN*

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch Break

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM SATELLITE SOLUTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD

This session will be a focused discussion of the needs and demands for satellite services in developing countries, and a look at markets being targeted by the satellite industry. The discussion will touch on technical, economic, and regulatory challenges for satellite services in several regions.

Moderator: International Bureau Chief Don Abelson

Speakers:

David Hartshorn, *Global VSAT Forum*
Sheila Donovan, *E-Link Americas*
Jonathan Metzger, *US AID*

2:30 PM SATELLITE PORTABILITY

A fast-moving display and discussion of new, hand-held, cutting edge consumer devices deployed for satellite communications.

Chair: Thomas Tycz, Satellite Division Chief

Presenters:

Dan Murphy, *XM Satellite Radio.*
Robert Briskman, *Sirius Satellite Radio*
Mark Steel, *Swe-Dish Satellite Systems*
George Spohn, *Thrane & Thrane, Inc.*
Matthew Mohebbi, *Hughes Network Systems*
Jack Deasey, *Inmarsat, Inc.*
Dennis Allen, *Globalstar LLC*
Greg Ewert, *Iridium Satellite LLC*
Paul Witt, *NavTech GPS Supply*
Clark Lewis, *Northrup Grumman Mission Systems*
Adam Goldberg, *Sharp Laboratories of America*

3:45 PM FORUM CONCLUDES

Featured portable devices and their presenters will remain for an additional hour of viewing.