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## **FCC TO HOLD INDIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE IN SAN DIEGO, CA, ON JULY 27-28, 2006**

*Tribal Representatives, FCC Officials and Telecommunications Industry Representatives to Participate in an Interactive Educational Workshop and Roundtable Sessions*

Washington, DC -- The FCC will be holding a Regional Workshop and Roundtable on July 27 and 28 in San Diego, CA, as part of its Indian Telecommunications Initiatives (ITI) program.

This event is being sponsored in cooperation with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) Tribal Digital Village, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the Center for Native American Public Radio (CNAPR).

The ITI is a comprehensive program that seeks to promote understanding, cooperation and trust among Tribes and Tribal organizations, the FCC, other governmental agencies, and the telecommunications industry. Its goals are to increase the telephone penetration rate and facilitate the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure on tribal lands and inform Tribes about federal government programs, including Universal Service Fund programs.

ITI San Diego will focus on broadband deployment, a key component of the Commission's Strategic Plan and current telecommunications issues, regulations and policies. Various panels will cover different components of broadband deployment, with a particular focus on wireless broadband, including the acquisition of spectrum, infrastructure development and business planning. There will also be panels on radio and television station development in Indian Country.

An agenda is attached.

This ITI event is free of charge to registrants. To register or obtain additional information, please call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) press number 6 and follow the prompts to leave your full contact information, call 202-418-2510, fax 202-418-2839, or e-mail your full contact information to [iti-info@fcc.gov](mailto:iti-info@fcc.gov).

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Sea World, 3737 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, CA 92110. For reservations, call the hotel directly (619)881-6100 and mention the "FCC Tribal Communications Training."

For more information on the Commission's ITI program, ITI San Diego Regional Workshop and Roundtable, or Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, please contact Alice Elder, Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-2168, [alice.elder@fcc.gov](mailto:alice.elder@fcc.gov) or Shana Barehand, Senior Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-0385, [shana.barehand@fcc.gov](mailto:shana.barehand@fcc.gov). Updates and further information will also be made available on the FCC's Tribal Initiatives website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/indians>.

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**Federal Communications Commission  
Indian Telecommunications Initiatives  
Regional Workshop and Roundtable  
San Diego, California  
July 27 and 28, 2006**

**Agenda**

**July 27, 2006**

**7:30 – 8:15**

**Registration**

**8:15 – 8:30**

**Opening Invocation**

**8:30 – 9:15**

**Welcoming Remarks**

Monica Desai  
Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Denis Turner (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians)  
Executive Director, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association  
(SCTCA)

Joe Garcia (Ohkay Owingeh)  
Governor, Ohkay Owingeh  
President, National Congress of American Indians

**9:15 – 10:30**

**FCC Regulatory Update:** Discussion of FCC programs, rules and policies affecting communities and consumers in Indian Country.

**Moderator:** Lauren Patrich, Special Counsel, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

Thomas Buckley  
Legal Counsel, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

David Furth  
Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC

Michael Carowitz  
Chief of Staff, Enforcement Bureau, FCC

Lauren VanWazer  
Special Counsel and Associate Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

Michael Wagner  
Assistant Division Chief, Audio Services Division, Media Bureau, FCC

Alice Elder  
Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 11:30

**Wireless Spectrum Acquisition and Regulation:** The FCC's spectrum auction processes and strategies for secondary markets (including partitioning, disaggregation and leasing), unlicensed spectrum, and emerging technologies.

**Moderator:** Lauren Patrich, Special Counsel, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

David Furth  
Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC

Lauren VanWazer  
Special Counsel and Associate Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

11:30 – 1:00

Lunch

1:00 – 2:00

**Promoting Broadband in Indian Country:** Viewpoints of tribal planners and government representatives on implementing community-responsive service strategies.

**Moderator:** Robert Somers, Attorney-Advisor, Consumer Affairs & Outreach Division, CGB, FCC

Matt Rantanen (Cree)  
Director of Technology, Tribal Digital Village

Ben Standifer (T'Ohono O'odham Nation)  
Chief Information Officer, T'Ohono O'odham Nation

Steve Grey (Dine')  
Chairperson, Navajo Nation Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

2:00 – 3:00

**Developing Broadband in Indian Country:** A discussion of technology options and infrastructure deployment plans.

**Moderator:** Shana Barehand, Senior Attorney & Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

Michael Peralta (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians)  
Network Administrator, Tribal Digital Village

Brandon Stephens (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)  
Planner/Grant Writer, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Valerie Fast Horse (Coeur d'Alene Tribe)  
Council Woman, Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Director, Information Technology Department, Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Co-Chair, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Telecom and Utilities Subcommittee

**3:00 – 3:15** Break

**3:15 – 3:25** Scott Deutchman  
Legal Advisor  
Office of Commissioner Michael Copps, FCC

**3:25 – 4:45** Roundtable Discussion

**Friday, July 28th**

**9:00 – 9:15** Dan Gonzalez  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Chairman Kevin Martin, FCC

**9:15 – 9:30** NCAI Report

Virginia Davis  
Associate Counsel, NCAI

Geoffrey Blackwell (Muscogee [Creek] Nation)  
Chairman, Telecommunications Subcommittee, NCAI

**9:30 – 10:45** **Business Planning for Tribal Telecom:** A discussion of funding options for building and sustaining a viable telecommunications system.

**Moderator:** Robert Somers, Attorney-Advisor, Consumer Affairs & Outreach Division, CGB, FCC

Madonna Yawakie (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa)  
President & CEO, Turtle Island Communications, Inc.

Bill Largent (Ojibwa, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community)  
Small Business Administration, Tribal Office

Harry Hutson  
General Field Representative, Rural Utilities Service, USDA

Pam Gallant  
Director, Low Income Programs, Universal Service Administration Company

Susan White  
Senior Partner, ACKCO American Indian Professional Services  
Consultant to Administration for Native Americans

**10:45 – 11:00** Break

**11:00 – 11:15** Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner, FCC

**11:15 – 12:30** Roundtable Discussion

12:30 – 1:45

Lunch

1:45 – 2:45

**Broadcast Radio in Indian Country:** Broadcast radio policy, the acquisition of spectrum and issues arising in developing and operating broadcast radio outlets in Indian Country.

**Moderator:** Alice Elder, Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

Michael Wagner  
Assistant Division Chief, Audio Services Division, Media Bureau, FCC

Loris Taylor (Hopi Tribe)  
Executive Director, Center for Native American Public Radio (CNAPR)

Peggy Berryhill (Muscogee [Creek] Nation)  
Director of Station Services and Planning, CNAPR

Mike Johnson  
Engineer  
Brown Broadcast Services, Inc.

Lynn Chadwick  
Senior Director, Media Technologies  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting

2:45 – 3:30

**Tribal Television Development:** Television regulatory overview, acquisition of spectrum, and issues encountered in the development of tribal television outlets.

**Moderator:** Shana Barehand, Senior Attorney & Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, CGB, FCC

Michael Wagner  
Assistant Division Chief, Audio Services Division, Media Bureau, FCC

Linda White Wolf (Chickasaw and Maori)  
Host, Arizona Native News, KAZ-TV

Lynn Chadwick  
Senior Director, Media Technologies  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting

3:30 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 4:45

Round Table Discussion

4:45 – 5:00

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Monica Desai  
Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

5:00

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