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Indian Telecommunications Initiatives Public Safety and Homeland Security Regional Workshop and Roundtable in Polson, Montana, Agenda Released

*Tribal Representatives, FCC and others to participate in intergovernmental Indian
Telecommunications Initiatives program examining issues critical to Public
Safety and Homeland Security Communications in Indian Country*

Washington, DC -- The Commission has released the agenda for Public Safety and Homeland Security Regional Workshop and Roundtable ("ITI Montana") that is scheduled to be held at Polson, MT, on October 24 and 25, 2006. The agenda is attached to this news release.

ITI Montana is being sponsored in cooperation with the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI"), the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians ("ATNI") and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes ("CSKT").

This workshop is dedicated specifically to Public Safety and Homeland Security issues. The event is designed as a workshop and intergovernmental consultative meeting between FCC senior staff and the tribal leaders and representatives who have responsibility for homeland security, public safety, and information technology security, and will focus on such topics as emergency preparedness and critical infrastructure protection in the communications sector and public safety communications, the FCC's pilot program for the provision of telemedicine services, interoperability and preparedness. The purpose of this event is to give the tribes tools to plan for the protection of critical communications infrastructure on, or serving, tribal lands. A final agenda will be released prior to the event.

The FCC's Indian Telecommunications Initiatives

The FCC's ITI is a comprehensive program that seeks to promote understanding and cooperation and trust among tribes and tribal organizations, the FCC and other governmental agencies, and the telecommunications industry. The ITI program seeks to build partnerships, identify potential solutions, and bring affordable, quality telecommunications services to Indian Country. The ITI program goals -- to increase

the telephone penetration rate on Tribal lands; facilitate the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure on tribal lands; and inform tribes about federal government programs, including Universal Service Fund programs -- are undertaken in Indian Country by the FCC through tribal outreach, coordination and consultation. The FCC's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), located within the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, is responsible for coordinating the agency's tribal outreach and consultation.

Registration for “The Public Safety - Homeland Security ITI” and Additional Information

The FCC's Public Safety – Homeland Security ITI is free of charge and open to all interested parties. Tribal leaders and representatives that have public safety, IT security, and homeland security responsibilities are particularly encouraged to attend. To register for the ITI Workshop and Roundtable, or to obtain additional information, please call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) press number 5 and follow the prompts to leave your full contact information. Alternately, call 202-418-2513, fax 202-418-1414, or e-mail your full contact information to iti-info@fcc.gov.

For more information on the ITI Workshop and Roundtable or the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, please contact Shana Barehand, Senior Attorney and Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0385, shana.barehand@fcc.gov, or Ginny Kennedy, Outreach/External Affairs Coordinator, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at 202-418-2328, ginny.kennedy@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 on Public Safety and Homeland Security**

October 24-25, 2006

Agenda

Day One (Tuesday, October 24)

- **Workshop and Roundtable to be held at the Ronan Community Center, 300 Third Avenue, Ronan, MT (406) 676-4271**

Day Two (Wednesday, October 25)

- **Workshop and Roundtable to be held at the Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort, 303 U.S. Hwy 93 East, Polson, MT (406) 883-3636**

Day One (Ronan Community Center)

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

8:30 – 9:30

Registration

9:30 – 10:15

Opening Invocation & Welcoming Remarks

James Steele, Chairman, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Thomas Wyatt, Deputy Chief,
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Mr. Christopher Morris, Office of Senator Conrad Burns

Geoffrey C. Blackwell, Esq., Director, Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development, Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI, Inc.), Chair, Telecommunications Sub Committee, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

10:15 – 11:30

Communications System Overview

William Lane, Chief Engineer, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, FCC

11:30 – 11:45

Break

11:45 – 1:00 **Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness: The National Response Plan (NRP), National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Emergency Support Function # 2 (ESF #2)**

Moderator: William Lane, Chief Engineer, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, FCC

Brian Carney, Manager, National Coordinating Center (NCC), National Communications System (NCS)

Craig W. Mastapeter, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

1:00 – 2:30 **Lunch** (on your own)

2:30 – 4:00 **Introduction to Federal Critical Infrastructure Preparedness Communications: Interoperability and Deployment in Indian Country**

Moderator: Gayle Radley Teicher, Senior Attorney, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Steve "Sid" Caesar, Director of Emergency Services, Indian Health Service (IHS)

Dean Ross, National Emergency Manager, IHS

Bill Kalin, Disaster Management e-Gov Initiative, Office for Interoperability and Compatibility, Science and Technology, DHS

Department of Interior (DOI) (*Invited*)

4:00 – 4:15 **Break**

4:15 – 6:00

Public Safety Communications near the Northern and Southern Borders of the United States, “Interoperability Montana” and Indian Country

Moderator: Jeffrey Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, FCC

Ben H. Standifer, Jr., Chief Information Officer, Tohono O'odham Nation

Chris Christensen, Chief, Montana Public Safety Services Bureau

Scott Bradford, Deputy Chief, Montana Public Safety Services Bureau

Becky Berger, 9-1-1 Program Manager, Montana Public Safety Services Bureau

Geoffrey C. Blackwell, Esq., Director, Strategic Relations and Minority Business Development, CNI, Inc., Chair, Telecommunications Sub Committee, NCAI

Representative of the “Interoperability Montana” Tribal Consortia
(Invited)

Day Two

Wednesday, October 25, 2006 (Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort)

8:00 – 8:15

Welcoming Remarks

Mike Marchand, First Vice President, ATNI

8:15 – 9:00

National Priority Systems: Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP), Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS), Wireless Priority Service (WPS)

Brian Carney, Manager, National Coordinating Center (NCC), National Communications System (NCS)

9:00 – 10:15

Public Safety Communications and Interoperability in Indian Country: Challenges and Opportunities: Status Updates from Tribal Representatives

Moderator: Shana Barehand, Senior Attorney & Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Rosalita M. Whitehair, Arizona Government Information Technology Agency

Adam Haas, Principal, Converge Communications

Brandon Stephens, Grant Writer/Planner, Office of Planning and Development, Eastern Band of Cherokees

Donna Begay, Chief Information Officer, Jackson Rancheria, Casino and Hotel

Larry Blackhair, Unit Manager, Uintah River Tech

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 11:00

Critical Infrastructure Programs: The FCC's Rural Healthcare Initiative

Jake Jennings, Senior Advisor, Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis (OSP), FCC

11:00 – 12:00

FCC Update

Moderator: Gayle Radley Teicher, Senior Attorney, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA), Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Rebecca L. Dorch, Director, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau (EB), FCC

Kathy Harris, Deputy Chief of Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), FCC

Jeffrey Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, FCC

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 3:00

Communications Network Reliability and Security

Jeffrey Goldthorp, Chief, Communications Systems Analysis
Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, FCC

Gregory MacDonald, President and Chief Executive Officer,
Montana Broadcasters Association

3:00 – 3:15

Break

3:15 – 4:45

**Tribal Critical Infrastructure and Public Safety
Communications: Round Table and Facilitated Discussion**

All Speakers and Panelists

4:45 – 5:00

Wrap Up and Concluding Remarks

Thomas Wyatt, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs
Bureau, FCC