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STAFF WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON CAPITALIZATION STRATEGIES FOR SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

Washington, D.C. – A [Nov. 12 staff workshop](#) on broadband opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses will focus on the availability of financing for the growth and purchase of telecommunications facilities related to broadband technologies. The workshop will also explore capitalization in cable, wireless, TV and radio broadcasting, common carrier facilities, and ancillary services. The staff workshop is the [second](#) on broadband opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses held by the Federal Communications Commission for the development of a [National Broadband Plan](#).

WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: FCC Commission Meeting Room, 445 12th St. SW, Washington D.C. 20554.
Those attending are asked to register in advance at
<http://www.broadband.gov/workshops/registration.htm?wsid=30>

ONLINE: Register in advance at
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AGENDA:

9:30 a.m. **INTRODUCTION OF WORKSHOP**

Thomas Reed, Director, FCC Office of Communications Business Opportunities
(Moderator)

9:35 a.m. **INTRODUCTION**

Commissioner Robert McDowell

9:45 a.m. **PANEL 1: PUBLIC FUNDING**

- **Frank Montero**, Co-Managing Partner, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth
- **Maureen Lewis**, Director, Minority Telecommunications Development Program, NTIA
- **S. Jenell Trigg**, Lerman Senter
- **Sean Green**, Associate Administrator, Investment Innovator, Small Business Administration
- **Gary Bojes**, Ph.D, Senior Level Program and Policy Advisor, Rural Utilities Service, Rural Development, USDA

11:15 a.m. **PANEL 2: PRIVATE FUNDING**

- **Mark Levine**, Core Capital
- **Jerry Johnson**, RLJ Equity
- **Arun Gupta**, Columbia Capital
- **Anita Stephens Graham**, Opportunity Capital

12:30 p.m. **BREAK**

1:30 p.m. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Interested parties who wish to participate in the breakout sessions *must* sign up in advance and identify their top two choices of panelists with which they wish to meet during the breakout session. In order to participate in the breakout sessions, you must e-mail your selection of panelists together with your business plan, or pertinent business information, to Karen Beverly, OCBO, no later than *Thursday, November 5, 2009*. Karen Beverly may be reached at Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov or by phone at (202) 418-0990.

3:30 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Staff workshops are being held to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and key constituents on matters important to the National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; 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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