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PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR THURSDAY WORKSHOP ON BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT STUDIES

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a staff workshop on December 10 in which two panels will review two independent studies requested as part of the development of the National Broadband Plan. The study by Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society reviews broadband transitions and policies from around the world. The second study, by the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, is a survey of projected deployment by U.S. companies of new and upgraded broadband networks. The public is encouraged to attend.

WHAT: **Staff Workshop: Review and Discussion of Broadband Deployment Research**

WHEN: **Thursday, December 10, 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: **FCC Commission Room,
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554
Registration in advance at
http://www.broadband.gov/ws_deployment_research.html is encouraged**

ONLINE: **Must pre-register at
http://www.broadband.gov/ws_deployment_research.html**

AGENDA

FCC Participants:
Scott Wallsten, National Broadband Taskforce
Tom Koutsky, National Broadband Taskforce
Thor Kendall, National Broadband Taskforce

1:05 p.m. Panel 1: Berkman Report - "Next Generation Connectivity: A Review of Broadband Internet Transitions and Policy from Around the World"

- **Yochai Benkler**, Berkman Professor of Entrepreneurial Legal Studies Harvard
- **Harold Feld**, Legal Director, Public Knowledge
- **Thomas Hazlett**, Professor of Law & Economics, Director of the Information Economy Project, George Mason University School of Law

2:00 p.m. Panel 2: Citi Report - “Broadband in America: Where It Is and Where It is Going (According to Broadband Service Providers)”

- **Robert C. Atkinson**, Director of Policy Research, Columbia Institute for Tele-Information
- **Ivy Schultz**, Research Assistant Supervisor, Columbia Institute for Tele-Information
- **Lee Rainie**, Director, Pew Internet & American Life Project

The FCC is convening a series of hearings to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and the public on development of a 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. Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more 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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