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FCC TO HOLD DEC. 21 FIELD HEARING AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ON BROADBAND & SMALL BUSINESS

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a [field hearing](#) at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business focusing on how broadband technology can help small businesses spur growth and reach new markets. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. The agenda will be announced shortly.

WHAT: **FCC Broadband Field Hearing on Small Business**
WHEN: **Monday December 21, 2009, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
WHERE: **Gleacher Center, University of Chicago**
450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611
ONLINE: <http://www.fcc.gov/live/>

The Federal Communications Commission is convening a series of hearings to promote an open dialogue with the public on the 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.

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