

Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500 Internet: http://www.fcc.gov TTY: 1-888-835-5322

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC. 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 17, 2009

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:** Mark Wigfield, (202) 418-0253 Email: <u>mark.wigfield@fcc.gov</u>

## FCC ANNOUNCES NEXT ROUND OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR OPEN INTERNET PROCEEDING

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission today announced the dates, times, and locations of the January public workshops for the FCC's open Internet proceeding. These workshops will explore the impact of the Internet's openness on consumers, innovation, and investment.

The next public workshop will occur on Jan. 13, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the MIT Media Lab in Cambridge, Mass. and will address innovation, investment, and the open Internet. It will be followed by a workshop on consumers, transparency, and the open Internet on Jan. 19, 2010 starting at 1 p.m. in the Commission meeting room. The dates, locations, and topics for additional spring workshops for the open Internet proceeding will be announced in early 2010.

Agendas for the Jan. 13 and Jan. 19 workshops will be made available in early January. All workshops will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Audio/video coverage of the workshops will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Web on <u>www.OpenInternet.gov</u>.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to <a href="fitte:fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the workshops, please visit www.OpenInternet.gov.

--FCC--