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FCC ANNOUNCES AGENDA AND PANELISTS FOR DEC. 21 BROADBAND FIELD HEARING ON SMALL BUSINESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

AGENDA:

- 1:30 p.m. Introduction by Erik Garr, General Manager, National Broadband Taskforce**
- 1:35 p.m. Opening Remarks from FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski**
- 1:40 p.m. Panel 1: Small Businesses Needs**
- James Geiger, CEO, CBeyond
 - Matthew Guilford, Program Manager, Department of Innovation and Technology, City of Chicago
 - Marianne Markowitz, Regional Administrator, Small Business Administration
 - Roberto Cornelio, COO, Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 - Norma Reyes, Commissioner, Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, City of Chicago
- 2:40 p.m. Panel 2: Broadband and Small Business**
- Ed Scanlan, CEO, Total Attorneys
 - Jay Sharman, CEO, TeamWorks Media
 - Craig Shields, President, Graymills
 - Gordon Quinn, Artistic Director, Kartemquin Films
 - Ivy Walker, CEO, World Health Imaging, Telemedicine and Informatics Alliance

WHAT: FCC Broadband Field Hearing on Small Business
WHEN: Monday December 21, 2009, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST
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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