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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO HOLD A COLLOQUIUM ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY PORTION OF THE NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN**

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) today announced it will hold a colloquium on Friday, March 26, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. to discuss the public safety and homeland security portion of the National Broadband Plan (Plan) that will have since been submitted to Congress on March 17, 2010. The event will be held in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

As part of the colloquium, representatives from the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau will make presentations discussing how the Plan addresses the following issues:

- Deployment of a nationwide interoperable public safety wireless broadband network;
- Innovation in the development and deployment of Next Generation 911 networks and emergency alerting systems; and
- Cyber security and critical infrastructure survivability.

The goal of the Public Safety and Homeland Security portion of the Plan is to enable and enhance the use of broadband technologies by first responders in sending and receiving content-rich data, resulting in saved lives; diminished injuries; improved emergency care and response; and more effective prevention of acts of crime, terror and hatred. Such technologies will also guard critical infrastructure, and enable interoperable response to emergencies in coordination with other first responders located throughout the nation. Broadband technologies will ensure that all Americans are able to reach and access 9-1-1 services quickly, reliably, and that the public has the ability to send and receive critical information regardless of the mode or device used. These technologies and innovations will also advance the modes and methods by which the public receives accurate, concise, and timely alerts and warnings. The Public Safety and Homeland Security portion of the Plan will also enhance the security and resiliency of broadband infrastructure, including measures to prevent and assist in the response to cyber attacks.

The colloquium will be open to the public; admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending this event may pre-register on-line at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/event-registration.html>. Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Deandrea Wilson at [Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov](mailto:Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov) or via phone at 202-418-0703 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at [www.reboot.fcc.gov](http://www.reboot.fcc.gov) (go to "Events"). The FCC's web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

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 [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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