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FCC TAKES NEXT STEP IN SMALL BUSINESS BROADBAND AGENDA

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the next step in advancing the agency's small business broadband agenda. Speaking to a crowd of top eBay sellers this morning, Chairman Genachowski said that the FCC will issue a Public Notice to help improve the FCC's understanding of business broadband needs, a key recommendation in the National Broadband Plan.

"America's small businesses need fast, affordable broadband access to compete globally, create jobs, and operate more effectively," said Chairman Genachowski. "This important step will enable the FCC to analyze the broadband business marketplace with the goal of ensuring that small businesses realize the maximum benefits of broadband services and competition."

Today's Public Notice is part of the FCC's broader small business broadband agenda, which includes connecting communities to broadband through the Universal Service Fund, promoting mobile connectivity by unleashing more spectrum, and, in partnership with the Small Business Administration, training small businesses to use digital tools to reach wider markets and improve their operations.

"We know that technology can give us a bright economic future -- if we have the right infrastructure and policies in place," said Chairman Genachowski. "The technology sector, which accounts for one-sixth of our economy and an even higher percentage of economic growth, will be critical to our nation's economic recovery. That is why we are aggressively pursuing policies to lay a foundation for long-term economic growth, and catalyze private investment and job creation, particularly among small business."

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