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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES INTEROPERABILITY FORUM TO GARNER INPUT ON TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE NATIONWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY MOBILE BROADBAND NETWORK**

Washington, DC--The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's), Public Safety Homeland Security Bureau's (PSHSB) Emergency Response Interoperability Center (ERIC) will host an Interoperability Forum on Friday, March 4, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The forum will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

The forum will garner input on the technical framework for the nationwide public safety mobile broadband network to ensure nationwide interoperability. This network must be technically compatible and fully interoperable from the first day of network deployment in order to serve as the nationwide broadband network envisioned for America's first responders.

The forum will focus on:

- Ensuring nationwide interoperability for public safety broadband utilizing 4G technology;
- Solutions for the deployment of Radio Access Network (RAN) equipment to achieve nationwide operability and interoperability; and
- Core network, security and services

The finalized agenda and list of panelists will be released closer to the event date.

The workshop will be open to the public; however, registration will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending the forum 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 Deandra Wilson at [Deandra.Wilson@fcc.gov](mailto:Deandra.Wilson@fcc.gov) or 202-418-0703 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Interested parties may file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.<sup>1</sup> Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of the proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking numbers. All filings concerning this Public Notice should refer to PS Docket No. 06-229. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-

<sup>1</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, “get form.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Paper filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission’s ECFS.**

- Effective December 28, 2009, all hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Commission’s former filing location at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE is permanently closed.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

Documents in PS Docket No. 06-229 will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

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This matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>2</sup> Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.<sup>3</sup> Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>3</sup> *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). 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).

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Susan McLean by email: [Susan.McLean@fcc.gov](mailto:Susan.McLean@fcc.gov) or by phone: 202-418-7868.

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