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**FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI AND COMMISSIONER MICHAEL COPPS
TO ATTEND HEARING ON “THE INFORMATION NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES”
IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

Washington, DC – On October 3, 2011, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski will attend a field hearing on the recommendations of the recently released staff-level report on the current state of the media landscape. The report, titled “Information Needs of Communities: The Changing Media Landscape in a Broadband Age” was delivered to the FCC in June 2011.

The report describes tremendous innovation in the media landscape but also identifies critical gaps, including a shortage of local news reporting. The report also offers recommendations for government, nonprofit players and entrepreneurs. At this hearing, Chairman Genachowski and Commissioner Copps will hear from journalists, academics, businesses, and the public about innovating and strengthening news and information-gathering and reporting to meet citizen needs.

WHO: **Julius Genachowski**, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
Steve Waldman, Chair, FCC Working Group on the Information Needs of Communities

WHEN: **Monday, October 3, 2011**
9:00AM-11:30AM

WHERE: Arizona State University – First Amendment Forum
Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications
555 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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