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FCC TO HOST A
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP
FOR SMALL, MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities ("OCBO") will host a Supplier Diversity Conference and Workshop focused on government and private sector business opportunities for small, minority and women-owned businesses. This important event will be held at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, Washington, DC on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm in the Commission Meeting Room.

OCBO has invited representatives from private industry, specifically telecommunications and technology firms from across the country, and several government agencies to discuss their organizations' contracting procedures and provide insight on how small businesses should navigate the procurement process generally.

Panel discussions will take place from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The first panel will feature procurement officers from the Departments of Defense and Transportation, the Minority Business Development Agency, and the Federal Communications Commission. On the second panel, supplier executives and diversity officers from Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, Comcast, and Microsoft will talk about their companies' contract needs and how small businesses can distinguish themselves in the race for lucrative opportunities. Thomas Reed, Director, OCBO, and Ronald Johnson, President of Solutions4Change, and a member of the FCC's Advisory Committee on Diversity in the Digital Age, will moderate.

In the afternoon, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm, OCBO will coordinate one on one sessions between our panelists and any small business owners who wish to participate.   In these confidential meetings, small business owners will get individualized advice on supplier strategies and information on current contracting opportunities. If you would like to register for the afternoon meetings, please submit a company profile to Karen Beverly, Assistant for Management, OCBO, no later than **Monday**, **July 2, 2012** via email at Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov or hardcopy, 445 12th Street SW, room 4-A635, Washington DC. 20554

All persons interested in attending this informative event in person are asked to register by contacting OCBO at (202) 418-0990 or via e-mail at Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov. Persons interested in participating via the Internet may do so by logging on to www.fcc.gov/ocbo . This event will be streamed live. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; last minute requests

will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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