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FCC RELEASES AGENDA FOR THE NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. – In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), the FCC’s Office of Workplace Diversity, in coordination with the agency’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and Office of Managing Director, provides additional details about the previously announced program on **Thursday, October 30, 2014, from 10:00 am – Noon** at FCC Headquarters (445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC).

This year’s NDEAM theme is “Expect. Employ. Empower.” The primary goal of the panel discussions is to heighten awareness of issues and challenges bearing on employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and to highlight certain FCC and government-wide efforts currently underway to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in the federal workforce.

AGENDA

10:00 am – 10:05 am	Opening Remarks: Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
10:05 am – 10:15 am	Brief Remarks and Introduction of Panel 1: Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Panel 1: The Impact of the FCC’s Efforts to Implement Laws Requiring Access to Advanced Communications Services On Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Now and in the Future Moderator: Greg Hlibok, Chief, Disability Rights Office (DRO), FCC

- Kojo Amissah, Career Consultant, Gallaudet Career Center

- Brandon Cox, Senior Director of Rehabilitation & Education Services, Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
- Susan Mazrui, Director, Global Public Policy, AT&T Services, Inc.
- Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

11:00 am – 11:10 am BREAK

11:10 am – 11:15 am Remarks by Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, FCC

11:15 am – Noon **Panel 2: Promoting and Advancing the Employment of Persons with Disabilities in the Federal Workplace**

Moderator: Cynthia Bryant, Attorney
Advisor, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

- Kwaku Agyeman, Division Director, Day, Education and Employment Services, St. John’s Community Services
- Dexter Brooks, Director, Federal Sector Programs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Jonathan Lucas, Managing Director, Employment & Transition Services, The Arc
- Alexandre Mitrouch, Clerk, Imaging Center, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
- Michael Murray, Principal Advisor, U.S. Office of Personnel Management’s Government-wide Disability Policies and Programs

Noon Closing Remarks

A free webcast of the live event, with open captioning over the Internet, will be available at FCC.gov/live. Pre-registration is not required for the live webcast. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on-site. Other accommodations for persons with disabilities may be available upon request. Contact fcc504@fcc.gov or call the

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY) for other reasonable accommodation requests, or to request this press release or any other materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format). Requests should be made as soon as possible.

For additional information about this event, please contact Kelly Jones by email at Kelly.Jones@fcc.gov or by telephone at (202)418-7078.

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