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**SAVE THE DATE: FCC TO HOST A
SMALL BUSINESS & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

The FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities ("OCBO") will host a Small Business & Emerging Technologies Conference and Tech Fair on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at FCC Headquarters, Commission Meeting Room, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC.

This important event will focus on innovation by fledgling entrepreneurs in information technology and telecomm. We will be highlighting small businesses, and particularly minority and women-owned tech start-ups. We will be examining some of the challenges that tech start-ups face, as well as some of the more specific issues that often preclude technical innovation in the minority business community. This conference and tech fair will be an all-day event with panel discussions on entity formation and incubation, early stage investment strategies, and a showcase of app designers, software/hardware manufacturers, and internet based business owners.

In addition to our panel discussions, we are hosting a "Fast Pitch" Program for the afternoon where tech entrepreneurs will have a unique opportunity to present their ideas/products to – and get feedback from – experts on launching and capitalizing new businesses. So far, luminaries from Springboard Enterprises, New Advantage Group, Silicon Harlem, the District of Columbia's Office for Planning and Economic Development, and many others have already signed on to participate. We will release the full agenda in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, 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 TechFair@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

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