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## CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI ANNOUNCES INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Julius Genachowski today announced members of the FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC). The IAC provides guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission on a range of telecommunication issues for which local, state, and Native American Tribal governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission.

### BACKGROUND

The Commission announced the reauthorization of the IAC on December 4, 2009, and, at that time, noted that it would announce the members of the IAC at a later date.<sup>1</sup> On April 18, 2011, the Commission opened nominations for membership on the reauthorized IAC and later twice extended the deadline for nomination applications, through June 20, and then through July 27, 2011.<sup>2</sup>

The term of the previous IAC expired on December 12, 2009. The term of operations of the reauthorized IAC will be limited to two years, with an option for reauthorization at the end of the two-year period. The term will commence with the IAC's first meeting on December 2, 2011 at the Commission's headquarters in Washington, DC.<sup>3</sup>

### IAC MEMBERSHIP

IAC membership is comprised of fifteen representatives of local, state and Tribal governments who, based on their expertise in telecommunications policy, will make recommendations to the

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<sup>1</sup> See *FCC Announces the Reauthorization of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 14316 (2009). The IAC last met on December 7, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> See *FCC Seeks Nominations for the Reauthorized Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*, Public Notice, April 18, 2011, found at: [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2011/db0425/DA-11-708A1.doc](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0425/DA-11-708A1.doc); *FCC Extends Deadline Thirty Days for Membership Nominations for the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*, Public Notice, May 20, 2011, found at: [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-11-923A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-11-923A1.pdf); *FCC Further Extends Deadline an Additional Thirty Days for Membership Nominations for the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*, Public Notice, June 27, 2011 found at: [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2011/db0627/DA-11-1114A1.doc](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0627/DA-11-1114A1.doc)

<sup>3</sup> The IAC is authorized under Commission rules to operate for a two-year period following its first scheduled meeting. See 47 C.F.R. §0.701(a).

Commission on the many telecommunications issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and impacting state, local and Tribal governments.

The Commission's rules specify IAC membership in the following categories: four elected municipal officials (city mayors and city council members); two elected county officials (county commissioners or council members); one elected or appointed local government attorney; one elected state executive (governor or lieutenant governor); three elected state legislators; one elected or appointed public utilities or public service commissioner; and three elected or appointed Tribal representatives.<sup>4</sup>

While the Commission's rules authorize a fifteen-member IAC, the Chairman today announced fourteen members and one vacancy. The Commission continues to seek applicants for one elected state executive (governor or lieutenant governor) to serve as a member of the IAC.<sup>5</sup> As stated in the Commission's previous public notices on IAC nomination applications, for this position, "[e]lected or appointed officials may designate a government employee to represent them on the IAC, provided the elected or appointed official submits a letter designating that particular employee to represent them on the IAC and the Chairman of the Commission approves the designation."<sup>6</sup>

## **MEMBERS OF THE IAC**

Chairman Genachowski will announce the Chair and Vice Chair of the IAC at a later time.<sup>7</sup> He announces today the members of the IAC in each respective category, as follows:

### **Municipality Representatives (4)**

Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York, New York

- Designees: Bruce Regal, Attorney, New York City Law Department; and Radhika Karmarkar, Attorney, New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications

Andy Huckaba, City Councilman, Lenexa, Kansas

Gary I. Resnick, Mayor, City of Wilton Manors, Florida

Arlanda Williams, Councilwoman, Terrebone Parish, Houma, Louisiana

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<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §0.701(b).

<sup>5</sup> The Commission continues to seek applicants for the elected state executive position because, to date no individual has applied or been nominated for this slot.

<sup>6</sup> See note 2, *supra*. Government employees seeking nomination as a "designated employee" should provide a letter or other documentation from the "elected officer of State ... government" for whom they are acting in their official capacities to ensure compliance with section 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. §1534(b). This statute provides an exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) for intergovernmental communications involving meetings between Federal officials and employees and "elected officers of State ... governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf)" when such individuals act "in their official capacities." *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §0.701(b).

## **County Representatives (2)**

Dow Constantine, County Executive, King County, Washington

- Designee: Marlin Blizinsky, Government Relations Officer, King County Department of Information Technology

Joyce M. Dickerson, Commissioner, Richland County Council, South Carolina

## **City Attorney Representative (1)**

Kenneth S. Fellman, City Attorney, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado

## **State Legislative Representatives (3)**

Chris Perone, State Representative – District 137 Connecticut

Thomas J. Sloan, House of Representatives – District 45 Kansas

Michael L. Vaughn, House of Delegates – District 24 Maryland

## **State Public Utility Commission Representative (1)**

Ronald Brisé, Commissioner, Florida Public Service Commission

## **Tribal Representatives (3)**

Cherie Moomaw, Colville Business Council Member, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Washington

Thomas Brandon Stephens, Deputy Housing Officer, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, North Carolina

Brian Tagaban, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Arizona

## **IAC MISSION**

A principal focus of the IAC during its upcoming two-year term will be the implementation of expanded broadband adoption and deployment, pursuant to the FCC's National Broadband Plan released in March 2010, particularly in unserved and underserved rural areas and Tribal lands.<sup>8</sup> The IAC may also focus on such issues as improved public safety communications, facilities siting, universal service reform, and public rights-of-way. Chairman Genachowski has said, "[w]e look forward to the valuable insights and recommendations the IAC will provide the FCC on the many important telecommunications issues of mutual concern to federal, state, local and Tribal governments."

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<sup>8</sup> See OMNIBUS BROADBAND INITIATIVE (OBI), FCC, CONNECTING AMERICA: THE NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN, GN Docket No. 09-51, (2010) (NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN, NBP, or Plan), available at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DOC-296935A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-296935A1.pdf).

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR ELECTED STATE EXECUTIVE

Individuals seeking IAC membership as an elected state executive (governor or lieutenant governor) or his or her designee should submit their applications pursuant to the procedures set forth in the prior public notices concerning IAC membership.<sup>9</sup> As noted therein, the application does not require a particular format. However, it must include the following information:

- Resume (including applicant's current position);
- Contact information (both e-mail and mailing addresses, as well as telephone numbers);
- A brief description of the applicant's area of expertise and qualifications to serve on the IAC, including the applicant's experience with telecommunications issues affecting local, state, or Tribal governments; and
- For a "designated employee," as noted above, a letter or other form of documentation from the elected state executive for whom the designated employee would be acting in his or her official capacity.

Applicants for the elected state executive position should submit their applications: (1) online via e-mail; and/or (2) hard copy, via U.S. mail. Because of the extensive security screening of incoming U.S. mail, delivery of U.S. mail sent to the Commission may be significantly delayed. Accordingly, we encourage submission by e-mail to ensure that the application is received as promptly as possible. Applications submitted via e-mail should be sent to [iac@fcc.gov](mailto:iac@fcc.gov). Hard copy applications sent via U.S. mail should be addressed to:

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<sup>9</sup> See citations for these public notices in n. 2, *supra*.