

Commissioner Joyce Dickerson,

The SouthEast Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (SEATOA) is a professional association composed of individuals and organizations serving citizens through city and county government and regional authorities in the states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee in the development, regulation, and administration of voice, video, data communications, PEG operations and information systems services. SEATOA is the southeastern regional chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA).

SEATOA would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as a County Representative from Richland County Council to the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. Both SEATOA and NATOA have worked closely with previous IACs and we hope to continue that relationship in the future.

SEATOA will be holding its Annual Conference March 12-13 at The Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, TN – and we are sending you a special invitation to lend your expertise on our closing General Session panel described below:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30 - NOON**      **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION**  
**FCC ACTIONS AFFECTING PEG AND COMMUNITY BROADBAND DEPLOYMENTS**

This session will provide an update on ongoing FCC actions that affect how broadband and PEG are deployed in local communities. Issues to be addressed include: The FCC's "Future of Media" report. Universal Service Fund changes which can unleash broadband development. Improvements to broadband mapping that will enable these maps to reflect the real state of broadband in our communities. The FCC review on how PEG channels are treated in today's media environment. FCC rules which might impact both the right-of-way authority of local government and the implementation of nationwide interoperable public safety broadband networks. And the FCC's public-private partnership program designed to increase broadband adoption, elevate digital literacy and assist Americans in searching and training for jobs.

Although this is SEATOA's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, it is the first time it will be held in Tennessee and we are excited about offering this opportunity to our members and friends. Attached is a Conference Agenda and additional details about the Conference are available via the following Conference Link: [Conference](#)

We are in the process of seeking Conference speakers who are interested in lending their expertise to our Conference workshop. We hope that you will be able to participate in this conference session so that our attendees have an opportunity to learn about the IAC first hand from a committee member who is also a respected elected official in our region.

As a Speaker, your Conference Registration is FREE and we hope you will elect to join us for the full 2-day conference. SEATOA also invites you to have any additional members of your staff attend the conference for the SEATOA Membership Rate of only \$165.

Many SEATOA Conference attendees represent small cities, towns and rural areas whose budgets do not permit attendance at major national conferences. Our SEATOA Conference offers them an affordable – and sometimes the only – opportunity to secure updated

information on key legislative and technology issues relating to broadband communications, information technology and Public, Educational and Government access programming.

For this reason, SEATOA is continually seeking out the best qualified experts to address our attendees in our Workshop Sessions. We hope that you will be able to lend your expertise to this important Conference.

Please contact me directly at SEATOA – [seatoa@carolina.rr.com](mailto:seatoa@carolina.rr.com) – regarding your ability to participate.

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**Make plans NOW to attend the 2012 SEATOA 11th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**"PROTECTING COMMUNITY NETWORKS: Economic Opportunities for the Future"**  
March 12th & 13th - Chattanooga, TN  
**Use This Link To Our [Conference](#) For More Details**

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