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FCC REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) seeks nominations for membership on its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (“IAC” or “Committee”), a committee composed of local, state, and tribal officials and eligible for the intergovernmental exemption from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (“FACA”), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988). Applications should be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

IAC MISSION

The IAC, formerly known as the Local and State Government Advisory Committee (“LSGAC”), was created in 1997 to provide guidance to the Commission on issues of importance to state, local and tribal governments, as well as to the Commission.¹ The Committee is composed of 15 elected and appointed officials of municipal, county, state, and tribal governments. The Committee provides ongoing advice and information to the Commission on a broad range of telecommunications issues of interest to state, local and tribal governments, including cable and local franchising, public rights-of-way, facilities siting, universal service, broadband access, barriers to competitive entry, and public safety communications, for which the Commission explicitly or inherently shares responsibility or administration with local, county, state, or tribal governments.

By an Order released on August 11, 2003, the Commission adopted revisions to its rules² governing the Committee in order to maintain and strengthen its intergovernmental nature and qualification as an advisory committee exempt from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.³ The Commission also established guidelines for the application process to

¹ See Adoption of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission’s Rules, *Order*, 16 FCC Rcd 1183 (2001).

² In the Matter of Modification of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission’s Rules, *Order*, FCC 03-180 (rel. Aug. 11, 2003).

³ See 2 U.S.C. § 1534(b); *see also* 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988).

ensure continued diversity in Committee membership and access to a wide range of viewpoints and expertise, which are critical to informed decision making. The Commission will use these guidelines to encourage representation from all areas of the country, to increase the representation of rural interests and to attract members with expertise in homeland security matters.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission now seeks nominations of elected and appointed officials of state, local or tribal governments that are interested in participating on the IAC. In soliciting a diversity of representation, the Commission will also seek input and guidance on possible nominees from organizations representing state, local and tribal interests, such as the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Governors Association, the National League of Cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

From the list of those nominated, the Chairman of the Commission will appoint a total of 15 members in accordance with the following allocations: seven local, five state, and three tribal officials. Selections will be made to maximize a diversity of viewpoints necessary to an advisory body charged with advising the Commission on matters relevant to state, local and tribal governments. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving nominations of individuals with the following credentials:

- Representatives from geographic areas that may not have been represented in the past, such as some Southern and Southwestern states.
- Nominees that represent rural areas.
- Nominees with specific expertise in homeland security matters, including expertise in, or responsibility for, public safety or other homeland security-type operations.

Nominees must be officials within the meaning of section 1534(b), the intergovernmental exemption from the FACA accorded intergovernmental communications between Federal officials and officials of state, local and tribal governments “acting in their official capacities.” An attorney nominated to the “elected or appointed local government attorney” position must be on the staff of the municipal or county government represented and be part of the governmental process.

Nominees must be willing to commit to a two-year term of service, and should be willing and able to attend four (4) one-day meetings per year in Washington, D.C. The Commission is unable to pay per diem or travel costs.

NOMINEES FOR MEMBERSHIP/ DEADLINE

Nominations should be received by the Commission no later than September 29, 2003, and should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Attn.: Carmen Scanlon, via e-mail at Carmen.Scanlon@fcc.gov, via facsimile at

202-418-2297, or via U.S. mail at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY A-651, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Due to the extensive security screening of incoming mail since September 11, 2001, delivery of mail sent to the FCC may be delayed. Therefore, we encourage submission by email or fax. FCC staff will acknowledge receipt of your nomination by email or fax shortly thereafter. If a nomination is sent via U.S. mail, we encourage a phone call to Rebecca Wenk, 202-418-0582 (voice), 1-800-835-5322 (TTY), to confirm receipt.

No specific nomination form is required. However, a nomination should include the nominee's name, title, and government organization, as well as the nominee's address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Nominations should include a statement of the interests represented and any specific expertise or issues of interest to the nominee, and a detailed description of the applicant's qualifications to serve on the Committee. The nomination should also include a statement from the nominee indicating a willingness to serve on the Committee for a two year period of time and a commitment to attend four (4) one-day meetings per year in Washington, D.C. at the nominee's own expense.

From the nominations submitted, the Chairman of the Commission will appoint 15 members to serve on the IAC for a period of two years, and will select a Chairman and a Vice Chairman to lead the Committee. The Commission will then publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the appointment of IAC members and the first meeting date. It is anticipated that the first IAC meeting will take place before the end of the year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alice Elder, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 202-418-2168 (voice) or 1-800-835-5322 (TTY), Alice.Elder@fcc.gov (e-mail) or Carmen Scanlon, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 202-418-0544 (voice) or 1-800-835-5322 (TTY), Carmen.Scanlon@fcc.gov (e-mail).

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