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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP: PROMOTING MOBILE BROADBAND IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY COLLOCATING WIRELESS ANTENNAS ON COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, in cooperation with the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA), will host an educational workshop addressing collocations of wireless and broadband antennas on communications towers and other structures. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, from 9:30 AM – 4 PM EDT in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC. The FCC will also webcast the workshop.

The workshop will provide an overview of how collocations can promote the availability of mobile broadband, public safety, and other wireless services in a manner consistent with community priorities. Panelists will discuss the technical, structural, and business considerations underlying collocations on a variety of structure types, including wireless towers, AM radio/broadcast towers, public safety communications towers, utility infrastructure, rooftops, and water tanks. The workshop will explore examples of cooperative solutions that have facilitated wireless deployment while recognizing community interests. We will also discuss the significance of the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for the Collocation of Wireless Antennas.

<u>Attendance</u>. This workshop is open to the public. All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through our security process. Attendees are not required to pre-register, but may submit their name and company affiliation ahead of time by sending an email to Jim Swartz (james.swartz@fcc.gov) in order to expedite the check-in process.

<u>Webcast.</u> The FCC will webcast the workshop on the FCC webpage. To view the webcast, go to <u>www.fcc.gov/live</u> on the day of the event. Viewers may submit questions by e-mail to <u>livequestions@fcc.gov</u>. Viewers are encouraged but not required to pre-register. Please send an e-mail to <u>james.swartz@fcc.gov</u> to pre-register for the webcast.

<u>Accessibility Information</u>. To request information in accessible formats (computer diskettes, large print, audio recording, and Braille), send an e-mail to <u>fcc504@fcc.gov</u> or call the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). This document can also be downloaded in Word and Portable Document Format (PDF) at: <u>http://www.fcc.gov</u>.

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