



# PUBLIC NOTICE

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

445 12th STREET, S.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

DA 02-365

News media information 202/418-0500 Fax-On-Demand 202/418-2830 Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov> <ftp.fcc.gov>

## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC FORUM FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES COMPETITION REPORT

Released: February 14, 2002

On Thursday, February 28, 2002, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) will hold a Public Forum addressing issues related to the acquisition and analysis of data on the state of competition in the commercial mobile radio services (CMRS) industry for the Federal Communications Commission's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMRS Competition Report. The Public Forum will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Public Forum will be open to the public and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The information received from the Public Forum will assist the staff in compiling and analyzing CMRS industry data for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CMRS Competition Report. The Public Forum will focus largely on data regarding the development of rural and underserved wireless markets. Specifically, the Public Forum will address ways in which the Commission can acquire and analyze industry data and levels of competition in such markets.

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief, Thomas J. Sugrue will provide opening remarks. These introductory remarks will be followed by three panel discussions addressing questions on industry data and analysis. The opportunity for questions and answers will follow each panel. The panels include: Industry Research, Consumer Information and Data Analysis; Rural and Underserved Areas in a Nationwide Context; and Service Rollout from a Rural Perspective. Invited speakers include representatives from telecommunications companies, consulting and Wall Street firms, industry associations, consumer groups, academics, and federal government agencies. The final list of speakers will be announced and made available on our website prior to the Public Forum.

Interested parties, not formally presenting materials at the forum, are encouraged to file written comments including any data the entity would be willing to share with the FCC. Please be aware that, in response to contaminated mail last October, the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS") is irradiating certain mail sent to the Commission by first-class mail, USPS Express Mail, and USPS Priority Mail. This process can result in delivery

delays and the deterioration of mail. Due to these understandable and unexpected delays, you may wish to send materials via commercial overnight mail, e.g., FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc., or hand deliver it to the following address: Cindi Schieber, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau/A&IAD, Federal Communications Commission, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. If you would prefer to send the files electronically, you may attach files (Microsoft Office 97 or earlier) and send to [cmrs7report@fcc.gov](mailto:cmrs7report@fcc.gov). The comments will be available at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/cmrs-crforum.html>.

The forum will be closed captioned and will be carried live on the Internet through RealAudio from the FCC website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. A transcript of the forum will be available 10 business days after the event on the FCC's Internet site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/cmrs-crforum.html>. Transcripts may also be obtained from the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

Audio and video tapes of the forum be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834-0100 or by faxing Infocus at (703) 834-0111. Copies of the transcript in other alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millian (202) 418-7426 voice, (202) 418-7365 TTY, or [bmillian@fcc.gov](mailto:bmillian@fcc.gov). Send requests for reasonable accommodations to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov), or contact Helen Chang, Section 504 Officer, 202-418-0424, 202-418-0432 TTY, or [hchang@fcc.gov](mailto:hchang@fcc.gov). Include a description of the accommodation you will need, the event you will be attending, location, date, and time. Also include a way of contacting you if we need more information. Please submit your request at least 5 days in advance so that we can assure provision of the service you require.

For additional information contact Cindi Schieber, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 202-418-7530, or [cschiebe@fcc.gov](mailto:cschiebe@fcc.gov), or Rachel Kazan, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 202-418-0651, or [rkazan@fcc.gov](mailto:rkazan@fcc.gov).

News media contact: Meribeth McCarrick, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 202-418-0654, TTY 202-418-7233, or [mmccarri@fcc.gov](mailto:mmccarri@fcc.gov).