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FCC ANNOUNCES WIRELESS BROADBAND FORUM TO BE HELD MAY 19, 2004

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will host a Wireless Broadband Forum focusing on the future of wireless broadband services. The day-long event will be open to the public.

Date and Time: May 19, 2004
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m

Location: Federal Communications Commission
Commission Meeting Room
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Because of its ability to cover wide geographic areas efficiently, wireless technology not only has the potential to become the third broadband pipe into homes, but is beginning to provide innovative and high-speed broadband services to mobile consumers. The Forum will examine the technological, economic, and regulatory factors that influence the availability and deployment of wireless broadband services. The event will provide an opportunity for wireless broadband business, technology, and regulatory experts to share their knowledge, experiences, and views on the future of the industry. Speakers will include both fixed and mobile service providers, and manufacturers developing new technologies for both the licensed and unlicensed bands. *A preliminary agenda of the event is attached.*

In addition to the panels, the Forum will feature a Demonstration Room where attendees can view, learn about, and interact with innovative wireless broadband devices and equipment being developed by the industry.

Webcast and Video

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio.

Reasonable Accommodations

Open captioning will also be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request such accommodations, please include a description of the accommodation you require along with your contact information. While all requests will be accepted, last minute requests may be impossible to fill. Requests may be sent via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov, or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

Additional Information

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology are coordinating this event. For additional information, please visit the FCC website at: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/2004broadbandforum>.

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Wireless Broadband Forum

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Preliminary Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.** **Welcome**
FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
- 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Wireless Broadband Technologies**
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, moderator
- Latest technology developments
 - Creation of seamless, integrated networks
 - Device factors, such as battery life and screen size
 - Wireless broadband technology standards
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Broadband Business Strategies**
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, moderator
- Mobile and fixed wireless business plans
 - Impact of Wi-Fi
 - Gauging consumer demand
 - Ways to integrate landline and wireless networks
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.** **Lunch Break**
- 1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Opening Remarks**
Lauren VanWazer, Associate Chief, Office of Engineering & Technology
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** **Barriers to Entry in the Broadband Market**
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, moderator
- Examination of regulatory and other barriers, including deployment costs, cost of capital, and access to spectrum
 - Impact of regulation on investment
 - Ways to maximize flexibility in allocating and licensing spectrum
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.** **Looking to the Future**
Commissioner Michael J. Copps, moderator
- Steps to make wireless the “third pipe” in broadband
 - Which broadband applications will be successful?
 - Convergence and integration of wireless and wireline, fixed and mobile, licensed and unlicensed technologies
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
John B. Muleta, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau