

# Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

Please read the Federal Advisory Committee Membership Balance Plan Guidance prior to completing this form

<b>(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME</b> <i>State the legal name of the FAC</i>
<b>Technological Advisory Council</b>
<b>(2) AUTHORITY</b> <i>Identify the authority for establishing the FAC</i>
<b>The Council was established at the direction of the Chairperson of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2</b>
<b>(3) MISSION/FUNCTION</b> <i>Describe the mission/function of the FAC</i>
<b>The purpose of the TAC is to provide technical advice and recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission on the issues and questions presented to it by the FCC. Technology is continually evolving, offering new opportunities to circumvent the challenges of radio spectrum scarcity and interference and to foster the growth of ubiquitous, high-speed, low-latency connectivity. The FCC must stay atop of new developments to ensure that the nation can continue to turn scientific research into usable communications technologies swiftly and efficiently. The TAC will focus on key issues affecting the development and deployment of emerging communications technologies to spur opportunities for innovation, competition, adoption, greater efficiencies, job creation, and other national priorities.</b>
<b>(4) POINTS OF VIEW</b> <i>Based on understanding the purpose of the FAC, (a) describe the process that will be used to ensure the committee is balanced, and identify the categories (e.g. individual expertise or represented interests) from which candidates will be considered; (b) consider indentifying an anticipated relative distribution of candidates across the categories; and (c) explain how a determination was made to appoint any individuals as Special Government Employees or Representative members</i>
<b>Members of the Committee, including the TAC Chairperson, will be appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission. Members of the TAC will be appointed either as representatives of an organization or as Special Government Employees, as appropriate to their role on the Council. Members will be recognized for their superior qualifications and experience in the technology matters to be addressed by the TAC, including individuals who may hold technical leadership positions such as Chief Technical Officer. Members will be selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the new technology issues that will be referred to the TAC.</b>
<b>(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS</b>

*List any other factors your agency identifies as important in achieving a balanced FAC*

**The Commission is particularly interested in appointing members from the following categories in order to achieve a balanced TAC:**

- **Communications service providers, and organizations representing communications service providers, including wireline and wireless communications service providers, broadcast radio and television licensees, cable television operators and other multichannel video programming distributors, satellite communications service providers, and Internet Service Providers;**
- **Manufacturers of communications equipment and organizations representing manufacturers of communications equipment;**
- **Providers of internet applications or cloud-based services;**
- **Scientists and engineers from academia, or who serve as independent consultants, who are recognized experts in their field; and**
- **Qualified representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant expertise.**

#### **(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS**

*Summarize the process intended to be used to identify candidates for the FAC, key resources expected to be tapped to identify candidates and the key persons (by position, not name) who will evaluate FAC balance. The summary should:*

- (a) describe the process*
- (b) identify the agency key staff involved (by position, not name)*
- (c) briefly describe how FAC vacancies, if any, will be handled by the agency; and*
- (d) state the membership term limit of FAC members, if applicable*

The Federal Communications Commission will solicit from the current members of the TAC their interest in continuing to serve during the next two-year term. Nominations and expressions of interest will also be sought through a Public Notice. While no specific nomination form is required, each nomination must include the following information:

- a. the name and title of the applicant or nominee and a description of the interest the applicant or nominee will represent;
- b. the applicant's or nominee's mail address, e-mail address, telephone number, and facsimile number (where available);
- c. a statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications and reasons why the applicant or nominee should be appointed to the Council;
- d. a statement, if the nominee will represent a specific organization, describing the organization as well as the benefit of having the organization represented on the Council;
- e. information about any services provided for the benefit of the FCC by applicant or applicant's organization, under any contract or subcontract, including a certification that the applicant has provided written notice to the contracting officer and the FCC Manager, Contracts and Purchasing Center, about applicant's request for memberships on the TAC; and
- f. the basis for determining the technological experience and qualifications of the applicant.

Members will be appointed for a term not to exceed the expiration date of the Committee's charter. Nominations and expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Committee's Designated Federal Officer who will make recommendations for membership to the FCC Chairperson.

**(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE**

*Subcommittees subject to FACA\* should either state that the process for determining FAC member balance on subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent FAC, or describe how it is different*

*\*This is relevant to those agencies that require their subcommittees to follow all FACA requirements.*

**When the need arises to form subcommittees of the TAC, members will be asked to serve as appropriate or to recommend representatives from their organizations. The DFO, in consultation with the FCC Chairperson, will monitor membership balance in the formation of subcommittees to ensure that the balance mirrors that of the committee itself.**

**(8) OTHER**

*Provide any additional information that supports the balance of the FAC*

**None**

**(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED**

*Insert the actual date the Membership Balance Plan was initially prepared, along with the date(s) the Plan is updated*

**June 30, 2021**