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Office of Native Affairs and Policy

FCC Tribal Workshop
Hosted by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
Multi-Purpose Room, Cultural and Educational Resources Center
March 5-6, 2024
DRAFT AGENDA*

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

	Optional Tunica-Biloxi Museum & Library Tour on March 5 (2:00PM)
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	**Cultural and Educational Resources Center (CERC) Library** Opportunity for all workshop participants to tour the Tunica-Biloxi CERC Library which contains more than 1,700 titles covering a range of subject areas. The CERC is a 40,000-square-foot building that also includes a museum exhibit hall, conservation and restoration laboratory, gift shop, auditorium, classrooms, distance learning center, meeting rooms and tribal government offices.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:30 am – 9:00 am	**Registration Open**
9:00 am – 9:20 am	**Welcome Remarks from Host and FCC**
9:20 am – 9:30 am	**Overview of Workshop Agenda and Logistics (including a brief update on ACP Wind-Down)** • *Bambi Kraus, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*
9:30 am – 10:30 am	**Department of Agriculture (USDA) Funding Opportunities, Overview and Q&A** • *Tony Matlock, General Field Representative, USDA* USDA Rural Utilities Service will share information about USDA programs that support broadband internet service and infrastructure in rural areas and any upcoming application windows.
10:30 am – 11:00 am	**E-Rate Program Funding for Tribal Schools and Libraries** • *Johnny Roddy, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau* This session provides an overview of the E-Rate Program and related updates regarding funding opportunities for schools and libraries.

11:00 am – 11:15 am   **Break**

11:15 am –12:45 pm   **Broadband Data Collection and Mapping Overview, Demonstration, and Q&A**
- *Kimia Nikseresht, Assistant Counsel Broadband Data Task Force*

The [National Broadband Map](#) provides information about the internet services available to individual locations across the country, along with information about mobile coverage, as reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the FCC's ongoing Broadband Data Collection (BDC). Tribal governments, ISPs, consumers, and other stakeholders can help verify the accuracy of the data shown on the map by filing challenges. This session will review the BDC, and will demonstrate how to submit location and availability data, and how to access, review, and work with the production "fabric," including how to submit challenges.

12:45pm – 1:00 pm   **Morning Wrap Up**
- *Bambi Kraus, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*

1:00 pm- 2:30 pm   *Lunch Break (participants will do lunch on their own)*

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm   **Other Universal Service Issues, Overview and Q&A**
- *Johnny Roddy, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau*

This session provides an overview of the other FCC Universal Service Fund programs (High Cost funds; Rural Health Care Program; and Lifeline), and recent program updates. Staff will also describe the role of the Universal Service Administrative Company in these programs.

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm   **Overview of the Enhanced Competition Incentive Program and Q&A (Virtual Presentation)**
- *Stephanie Asous, Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau*

This session will provide an overview of the new program, which incentivizes wireless licensees to make underutilized spectrum available to small carriers, Tribal Nations, and entities serving rural areas.

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm   **Working with the FCC**
This session will provide an introduction to the FCC rulemaking process, including how to file comments, meeting with FCC staff about rulemakings, and keeping up with the FCC proceedings.
- *Lloyd Collier, Attorney Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*

4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	**Office Hours With FCC Staff** An opportunity for Workshop attendees to ask questions and discuss matters of interest.
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	**Workshop Closing Remarks** • *Bambi Kraus, Office of Native Affairs and Policy*

* Agenda as of 3/5/24,subject to change