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FCC ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission" or "FCC") extends the deadline to submit nominations for membership to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee ("IAC" or "Committee"). On November 6, 2019 the Commission issued a Public Notice announcing the reauthorization of the Committee, soliciting nominations for membership setting a deadline of December 6, 2019 for their submission. In order to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to apply for membership on the Committee and to ensure maximum diversity on the IAC, the deadline for submission of nominations to the next term of the IAC will be extended until January 13, 2020.

As indicated in the *IAC Nominations Public Notice*, the term of operations for the reauthorized IAC will be limited to two years, with an option for reauthorization at the end of the two-year period and will commence with its first meeting.² Because this committee consists of only Federal, state, local or Tribal governmental elected officials (or their designated employees), the IAC is exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act ("FACA").³

The mission of the IAC is to provide advice to the Commission on the many telecommunications issues affecting local, state and Tribal governments that are within the jurisdiction of the FCC. These issues can range from major FCC policy priorities such as broadband adoption and deployment, especially in unserved and underserved rural areas and Tribal lands, to strengthening public safety communications infrastructure and emergency response capabilities, streamlining facilities siting while respecting public rights of way, monitoring the transition from "legacy" telecommunications services to emerging wireline networks and wireless networks, and ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the universal service programs.

Nominations

Additional information about the function of the advisory committee, who is eligible to be nominated and procedures for submitting nominations can be found in the *IAC Nominations Public Notice*. Nominations for IAC membership should be submitted by email to <u>IAC2020@fcc.gov</u>. If

¹ See FCC Announces Reauthorization of its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership on the Committee, Public Notice, 2019 WL 5800223, DA 19-1148 (*IAC Nominations Public Notice*). https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-nominations-intergovernmental-advisory-committee

² The IAC is authorized under Commission rules to operate for a two-year period following its first scheduled meeting. 47 CFR § 0.701(a).

³ The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) provides for this exemption for "actions in support of intergovernmental communications - - where (1) meetings are held exclusively between Federal officials and elected officers of State, local, and tribal governments (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf) acting in their official capacities" 2 U.S.C. §1534(b).

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Additional Information

For further information regarding the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, please see https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/general/intergovernmental-advisory-committee, or contact Carmen Scanlon, Attorney Advisor, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-0544, carmen.scanlon@fcc.gov.