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The FCC's Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, together with the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), extend an invitation to Tribal Representatives, including Historic Preservation Officers, Cultural Resource staff, and Tribal TCNS coordinators, to join us in a dialogue addressing issues associated with the deployment of wireless technologies and compliance with the FCC's Section 106 process. This meeting complements the FCC's ongoing consultation with Tribal Nations regarding the issues raised in the FCC's April 2017 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry, <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-takes-steps-to-promote-wireless-broadband-deployment>. The discussion will focus on questions raised in the NPRM and in particular on how best to improve the process for Tribal participation in Section 106 review in the interest of all participants. A tentative agenda will be posted shortly at www.fcc.gov/native.

Schedule and Accommodations

The meetings will be held at the Pala Band of Mission Indians' "Pala Casino Spa Resort" on August 10th and 11th, immediately following the general agenda of NATHPO's 19th annual conference. The meetings will consist of a full day session on Thursday, August 10th and will conclude by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11th. You do not need to attend the NATHPO conference to attend the FCC consultation. Participation is limited to representatives of Tribal Nations. Please check the NATHPO website (www.nathpo.org) for information on the availability of hotel rooms at the Pala Casino Spa Resort.

Registration

Individuals who are attending the NATHPO conference will be asked when they register on site whether they intend to stay for the FCC meetings. Individuals who will be attending only the FCC dialogue are requested to e-mail Maira Delao, Maira.delao@fcc.gov, so that we can get a sense of numbers. **There is no registration or fee required for the FCC meeting.** However, please note that participation is limited to representatives of Tribal Nations.

If you have any questions, please contact Maira Delao, Maira.delao@fcc.gov, 202-418-7171, or Carolyn Conyers, Carolyn.conyers@fcc.gov, 202-418-2002