

Greetings,

I have very exciting information, as Federal Communications Commission Chairman Wheeler announced at the NCAI 2014 Executive Council Winter Session this week, the FCC is seeking nominations to seat a second generation of the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. Please share this important opportunity broadly with your networks throughout Indian Country.

The FCC released the attached Public Notice, also linked below, providing information on how Tribal Government representatives may be nominated to seek a position on the Task Force, as well as instructions for current members on the Task Force who wish to recommit to continuing their membership. As Chairman Wheeler stated in his speech, it is our hope and expectation that many members will recommit to the Task Force. We also hope to receive nominations from all regions of Indian Country, and new areas of expertise within Tribal governments. I encourage you to review the Public Notice in detail. **Nominations and recommitments are due on May 15, 2014.**

The FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force has made great strides in efforts and developments at the Commission aimed at closing the digital divide in Indian Country. The efforts and contributions of every member of the first generation of Task Force are deeply appreciated, and they have made all the difference in working at a government-to-government level with the Commission. However, much work remains to be done. Task Force Co-Chairman, and Ohkay Owingeh Council Member, Joe Garcia and I have worked for some time towards the reinvigoration of the Task Force, and this Public Notice is the first step. We look forward to working with you and the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force in continuing to address the broadband, broadcast, and telecommunications needs of Tribal Nations and Native Communities.

Again, I have attached the Public Notice [here](#). It is also available online at <http://www.fcc.gov/document/pn-seeking-nominations-fcc-native-nations-broadband-task-force>. Mr. Robert Finley, Legal Advisor in the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, is the primary point of contact regarding the Public Notice. Please note that nominations and recommitments are due on May 15, 2014, and please share this information broadly.

Thank you and respectfully,

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