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INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES NEW DETAILS ON UPCOMING WORKSHOP REGARDING UNLICENSED SPECTRUM ISSUES

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As part of its Learn Everything About Reverse-Auctions Now Program (LEARN), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) previously announced that it would host a workshop on Friday, November 8, 2013, to discuss unlicensed spectrum issues related to the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction proceeding.¹ The workshop, which will include two panels, will take place from approximately 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Commission's Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Panel 1 will address the benefits and uses of unlicensed spectrum, including:

- Types and performance of current and future white spaces databases, equipment and deployments, and related economic benefits;
- Opportunities for small businesses, women- and minority-owned businesses, and rural areas to benefit from deployment of unlicensed devices;
- Examples of the uses and beneficiaries of unlicensed technologies, including white spaces technologies;
- Integration, technological characteristics and use differences among white space devices and other unlicensed devices;
- Trade-offs of deploying unlicensed devices in the TV bands versus other spectrum bands;
- International development of white spaces technologies; and
- Policy options to promote future unlicensed innovation

Panel 2 will address technical aspects of unlicensed operations in the 600 MHz band, including:

- Technical characteristics and potential uses of 600 MHz guard band spectrum for unlicensed devices and how it compares to TV white spaces;
- Amount of spectrum necessary to enable unlicensed technologies in the repacked TV bands, including implications of channel bonding, and impact of consistent, nationwide availability;
- Technical considerations related to coexistence of multiple services in the 600 MHz band;

¹ *Incentive Auction Task Force Reschedules Workshop to Discuss Unlicensed Spectrum Issues*, Public Notice, DA 13-2028 (October 18, 2013).

- Technical and operational considerations related to enabling wireless microphones to successfully operate; and
- Implications of incumbent services in Channel 37 on design and deployment of wireless broadband systems in the 600 MHz band

The tentative agenda is outlined below:

Tentative Agenda

- 9:30am** **Opening Remarks**
Julius Knapp, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology
- 9:35am** **Panel 1**
 Andrew Afflerbach, Garrett County, MD
 Elizabeth Bowles, WISPA
 Jim Carlson, Carlson Wireless
 Harold Feld, Public Knowledge
 Paul Garnett, Microsoft
 Joanne Hovis, Gigabit Libraries
 Nicol Turner-Lee, MMTC
 Robert Rucker, United Negro College Fund and AirU
 Peter Stanforth, Spectrum Bridge
- 11:15am** **Panel 2**
 Mike Bergman, Consumer Electronics Association
 Mark Brunner, Shure Incorporated
 Michael Calabrese, New America Foundation and PISC
 Andrew Clegg, National Science Foundation
 Thomas Dombrowsky, Wiley Rein LLP/CTIA
 Mark Gibson, American Society for Healthcare Engineering
 Alan Norman, Google
 Robert Seidel, CBS
 Haiyun Tang, Adaptrum
- 12:30 pm** **Adjourn**

Attendance. This forum is open to the public. All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through our security process. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register by submitting their name and company affiliation via email to Cecilia Sulhoff (cecilia.sulhoff@fcc.gov) in order to expedite the check-in process the day of the event. Please use “LEARN Workshop” as the subject line in your email.

The forum will be webcast at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

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For more information about the broadcast television incentive auction, visit: <http://www.fcc.gov/learn>.