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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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## **FCC CHAIRMAN'S AWARD WINNER TO ADDRESS 'INNOVATION IN VOTING ACCESSIBILITY' AT ACCESSIBILITY & INNOVATION EVENT**

***Dr. Juan E. Gilbert, Chair of the Human-Centered Computing Division in the School of Computing at Clemson University, to Deliver Remarks at FCC***

Washington, D.C. – The FCC's Accessibility & Innovation Initiative will hold its next Speaker Series event Tuesday, March 11, 2014 with a presentation on "Innovation in Voting Accessibility," by Dr. Juan E. Gilbert, Chair of the Human-Centered Computing Division at Clemson University. The speaker series highlights and encourages innovation in accessible communications technologies that will benefit people with disabilities.

- What:**           **Presentation: "Innovation in Voting Accessibility"**  
**Following the presentation, demonstrations of accessible technologies related to the topic will be held in the FCC's Technology Experience Center.**
- Who:**           **Dr. Juan E. Gilbert**  
**Chair of Human-Centered Computing Division, Clemson University**
- When:**          **9:00 – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**  
**(Tech Demos to follow 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)**
- Where:**         **FCC Commission Meeting Room**  
**445 12th Street, SW**  
**Washington, DC. 20554**

In 2002, the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was created to provide all citizens equal access to the electoral process, regardless of ability. As part of an ongoing effort to improve voting accessibility, Dr. Gilbert and his lab developed Prime III, a secure, multimodal electronic voting system developed by his lab that takes a universal design approach to address security, trust, and ease of use issues. Dr. Gilbert and his research lab won the FCC Chairman's Award for Advancement in Accessibility in the Civic Participation Solutions category for development of Prime III.

Dr. Gilbert and his research team were recently awarded a \$4.5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to conduct research on accessible voting technologies. Dr. Gilbert's research team has also conducted studies on the time it takes to vote in an effort to reduce voting lines on

Election Day. This presentation will include a demonstration of Prime III and other voting innovations on which Dr. Gilbert has worked.

### **Registration Information**

Pre-registration is not required, but is highly encouraged. To register please, email [aiispeaker@fcc.gov](mailto:aiispeaker@fcc.gov). A free webcast of the live event, with open captioning over the Internet, will be available at [FCC.gov/live](http://FCC.gov/live). Pre-registration is not required for the live webcast.

### **Remote Participation**

During the event participants can email questions to [aiispeaker@fcc.gov](mailto:aiispeaker@fcc.gov) or tweet a question using #AIISpeaker.

### **Meeting Site Accessibility**

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to: [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

### **More About Dr. Gilbert**

Dr. Juan E. Gilbert is the Presidential Endowed Professor and Chair of the Human-Centered Computing (HCC) Division in the School of Computing at Clemson University where he leads the HCC Lab. He is also a Fellow of the American Association of the Advancement of Science, National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academies, an ACM Distinguished Scientist and a Senior Member of the IEEE. Dr. Gilbert was recently named one of the 50 most important African-Americans in Technology. In 2013, Dr. Gilbert received an FCC Chairman's Award for Advancement in Accessibility.

### **For More Information**

For more information please visit <http://www.fcc.gov/events/accessibility-innovation-initiative-speaker-series-presents-dr-juan-e-gilbert-innovation-voti>

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