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FCC INTENDS TO RECHARTER THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL FOR A FIFTH TWO-YEAR TERM; SEEKS NOMINATIONS BY MARCH 31, 2015 FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) is seeking nominations and expressions of interest for membership on the fifth Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC or Council), which is expected to commence in March 2015 when the current CSRIC charter expires on March 18, 2015. The Council is a federal advisory committee chartered pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act¹ that provides guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission to improve the security, reliability, and interoperability of the nation's communications systems. **Nominations and expressions of interest for membership must be submitted to the FCC no later than March 31, 2015.** Procedures for submitting nominations and expressions of interest are set forth below.

CSRIC MISSION

The duties of the Council will be to make recommendations to the FCC regarding actions it can take to promote communications security, reliability, and resiliency. The duties of the Council may include:

- a. Developing and recommending to the FCC best practices and actions it could take that promote reliable communications services, including 911, Enhanced 911, and Next Generation 911 service.
- b. Developing and recommending to the FCC best practices and actions it could take to improve the security of networks and mobile devices.
- c. Identifying and recommending to the FCC a set of best practices to make communications networks, including broadband networks and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) systems, more secure and resilient.
- d. Developing recommendations for actions the FCC could take to enhance the ability of the public to receive timely and accurate emergency alerts and warnings, including ways to leverage advanced communications technologies and the Internet, including broadband technologies and social media platforms.

¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

- e. Developing recommendations to ensure resiliency for National Security/Emergency Preparedness communications.
- f. Make recommendations with respect to such additional topics as the FCC may specify.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Council will be appointed from among federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies and organizations; organizations representing users of communications systems, including the Internet; and other private-sector organizations to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered. Selections will be made on the basis of factors such as expertise and diversity of viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the questions before the Committee.

Individuals who do not represent an organization, institution, or entity, but who possess expertise valuable to the Committee's work are also welcome to apply. If appointed, such individuals would serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) subject to conflict of interest rules, financial disclosure requirements, and limitations on financial holdings similar to those applicable to regular agency employees. In addition, under current White House guidance, such individuals (unlike those who are serving in a representative capacity) cannot be registered federal lobbyists. Committee members will not be compensated for their service.

The Commission is particularly interested in receiving nominations and expressions of interest from the following categories:

- State, tribal, territorial and/or local government agencies and organizations with expertise in communications, public safety, emergency management and/or homeland security matters;
- Federal government agencies with expertise in communications, public safety, emergency management and/or homeland security matters;
- Communications service providers and organizations representing communications service providers, including wireline and wireless communications service providers, broadcast radio and television licensees, cable television operators and other multichannel video programming distributors, satellite communications service providers, interconnected VoIP and other IP-enabled service providers, and Internet Service Providers;
- Online retailers, online technology service providers, Internet security companies, cyber audit and risk management companies, and other providers of online services;
- Developers of software applications and operating systems for mobile and desktop computing devices, including developers of security applications for such platforms;
- Developers of mobile devices;

- Developers of cybersecurity solutions and other new technologies;
- Organizations and other entities representing users of communications systems, such as organizations representing the business, finance, energy, education, health care, and similar sectors and consumer or community organizations, such as those representing people with disabilities, the elderly, those living in rural areas, and those representing populations that speak, as their primary language, languages other than English; and
- Qualified representatives of other stakeholders and interested parties with relevant expertise.

Each member of the new CSRIC will be appointed either as a representative of an organization or as a Special Government Employee, as appropriate.

NOMINATIONS/EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE

Nominations should be received by the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than **March 31, 2015**. Nominations received after this date may not be considered. Organizations should nominate their Chief Executive Officer, Chief Technical Officer, or other senior-level officer. There is no specific nomination form; however, each nomination must include the following information:

- Name, title, and organization of the nominee and a description of the organization, sector, or other interest the nominee will represent;
- Nominee's postal mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and facsimile number; and
- A statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the CSRIC. To the extent the nominee will represent a specific organization; the statement should also include a description of the organization and an explanation of the benefit of having the organization represented on the Council.

Please note this Notice is not intended to be the exclusive method by which the Commission will solicit nominations and expressions of interest to identify qualified candidates; however, all candidates for membership on the Council will be subject to the same evaluation criteria.

Nominations should be sent to Jeffery Goldthorp, Associate Bureau Chief for Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, *via* e-mail at jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov; *via* facsimile at 202-418-2817; or *via* U.S. mail at 445 12th Street, SW, Room 7-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Because of the extensive security screening of incoming U.S. mail, delivery of U.S. mail sent to the Commission may be delayed, and submission by e-mail or facsimile is encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Official for CSRIC and Associate Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, (202) 418-1096 (voice) or jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov (e-mail) or Lauren Kravetz, Deputy Designated Federal Official for CSRIC and Deputy Chief, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (202) 418-7944 (voice) or lauren.kravetz@fcc.gov (e-mail).

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