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## FCC AND DOL ANNOUNCE AGENDA FOR SECOND WORKSHOP ON TOWER CLIMBER SAFETY AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

As part of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) and Department of Labor's (DOL) efforts to reduce communications tower-related fatalities and injuries, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announce the agenda for their upcoming workshop on tower climber safety and Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (TIRAP). As previously announced by Public Notice on December 15, 2015, the workshop will be held on February 11, 2016, in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This workshop will include panel discussions focusing on:

- Guidance on best practices for improving tower climber safety,<sup>1</sup>
- The comments received in response to OSHA's Request for Information on Communication Tower Safety (OSHA-2014-0018), and
- Implementation of the TIRAP program and telecommunications workforce development.

### Workshop Agenda

#### February 11, 2016

#### 9:00 – 9:30 am      **Opening Remarks**

Roger Sherman, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC  
Dean McKenzie, Acting Director, Directorate of Construction, DOL  
Eric M. Seleznow, Deputy Assistant Secretary, ETA, DOL  
Tom Wheeler, Chairman, FCC

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<sup>1</sup> A draft guidance document will be posted prior to the workshop at <http://www.osha.gov/doc/topics/communicationtower/index.html>.

**9:30 – 10:30 am**

**First Panel Discussion  
FCC/DOL Guidance on Best Practices for Improving Safety**

Angela Jones, Union Wireless  
Don Doty, National Association of Tower Erectors (NATE)  
Jason Becker, National Radio Operations Branch, BLM  
John Parham, Jacobs Engineering Group  
Kevin Schmidt, National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA)  
Wade Sarver, Wade4Wireless.com

*Moderators:*

*Claire Wack, Attorney Advisor, Competition and Infrastructure Policy  
Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC  
Jessica Douma, Regulatory Analyst, OSHA*

**10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Second Panel Discussion  
Comments Received in Response to OSHA’s Request for Information on  
Communication Tower Safety (OSHA-2014-0018)**

Bridgette Hester, Hubble Foundation  
Craig Lekutis, WirelessEstimator.com  
Nick Vespa, Southeastern Towers  
Richard Cullum, Crown Castle

*Moderators:*

*Michael Janson, Associate Chief, Competition and Infrastructure Policy  
Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC  
Erin Patterson, Regulatory Analyst, OSHA*

**11:30 – 12:30 pm**

**Third Panel Discussion  
Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program  
(TIRAP) and Telecommunications Workforce Development**

Chase Hammock, TIRAP Apprentice, MUTI/Sabre Industries  
Dave Anthony, Shenandoah Tower  
David Sams, SBA Communications  
Jonathan Adelstein, PCIA – The Wireless Infrastructure Association  
Laurie Gebhardt, Verizon Wireless

*Moderators:*

*Zachary Boren, Senior Advisor, Office of Apprenticeship, ETA  
Matthew Warner, Attorney Advisor, Competition and Infrastructure Policy  
Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC*

**12:30 pm**

**Concluding Remarks**

**Attendance.** The workshop is free and open to the public. Attendees do not need to pre-register. All attendees are requested to arrive promptly and with adequate time for building security. Attendees will be required to present photo identification to enter the building.

**Webcast.** The FCC will webcast the workshop on the FCC webpage. The webcast may be viewed at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. Viewers may submit questions during the workshop via email at [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov) and on Twitter using the “#FCCLive” hashtag.

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