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FCC Chairman Hosts Second Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility

Eight innovative technologies benefitting people with disabilities will receive the FCC's Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility, presented by Chairman Julius Genachowski during a ceremony at 2 pm on Dec. 19 at FCC headquarters.

The awards are a project of the FCC's Accessibility and Innovation Initiative. They are intended to encourage technological innovation in communication-related areas and to recognize engineers, researchers, and other technologists whose energies and perseverance contribute to technologies that help people with disabilities to obtain and succeed at jobs and participate more actively in the community.

The awards focus on six categories: Consumer Empowerment Information; Mobile Applications; Civic Participation Solutions; Education: College or University; Video Programming; and Geo-Location Solutions.

The winners of the 2013 Chairman's AAA are:

- Civic Participation Solutions -- Prime III: A Universally Designed Voting Machine
- Consumer Empowerment Information -- Project StAR: Accessible Radio 2012/The Narrator
- Education: College or University -- Project: Possibility SS12: Code for a Cause
- Geo-Location Services -- Tiramisu Transit
- Mobile Applications -- WGBH National Center for Accessible Media: "Media Access Mobile"
- Video Programming -- Accessible Media Inc. (AMI), and the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers

The Honorable Mentions are:

- Civic Participation -- Google+ Hangouts
- Mobile Applications -- Virtual Braille Keyboard

The awards ceremony is free and open to the public. Individuals interested in attending this event are asked to send an RSVP to ChairmansAAA@fcc.gov. Please include your name, title, organization affiliation (if any), and contact information in the e-mail. You can also watch it live over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

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 e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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