

**Date:** Friday, August 01, 2014  
**Subject:** FCC Seeks Comment on the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

**Comment Deadline:** August 22, 2014

**Reply Comment Deadline:** September 5, 2014

On August 1, 2014, the FCC released a Public Notice asking for comments about the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP).

The NDBEDP is a program that the FCC established as directed by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA). The NDBEDP provides funding support for the distribution of equipment needed to access telecommunications, advanced communications services, and the Internet to low-income individuals who are deaf-blind. The NDBEDP has been operating as a pilot program since July 1, 2012. The rules governing the pilot program will expire on June 30, 2015.

In this Public Notice, the FCC invites the public to provide feedback on ways that the FCC can make the NDBEDP more effective and more efficient. This feedback will help the FCC establish rules to continue the NDBEDP as a permanent program when the pilot program ends.

Links to the Public Notice:

Word: [https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1128A1.docx](https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-14-1128A1.docx)

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The Public Notice includes instructions for filing comments. If you need assistance filing comments or more information, please contact Jackie Ellington at 202-418-1153 or [Jackie.Ellington@fcc.gov](mailto:Jackie.Ellington@fcc.gov), or Rosaline Crawford at 202-418-2075 or [Rosaline.Crawford@fcc.gov](mailto:Rosaline.Crawford@fcc.gov), of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office.