Each meeting will be considered an ex parte presentation, and the substance of the meeting will be placed on the public record. No later than two (2) days after a meeting, an interested party must submit a memorandum to NTIA which summarizes the substance of the meeting. Any written presentations provided at the meeting will also be placed on the public record. NTIA reserves the right to hold individual or group meetings, depending on the number of meeting requests received.

Group meetings may be transcribed and/or streamed to the Web and placed on the public record.

Attendance at the meetings is limited to space available. Meetings will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requesting accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to indicate this to Barbara Brown at least two (2) days prior to each meeting. Interested parties will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meetings. Individuals who would like to submit questions in writing should e-mail their questions to Barbara Brown at bBrown@ntia.doc.gov at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Notice: Broadband Grant Programs Meetings

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will begin holding meetings with interested parties on Monday, March 2, 2009, in connection with the broadband grant programs described in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (collectively, "Broadband Grant Programs"). All interested parties are invited to schedule a meeting.

DATES: Meetings will be scheduled beginning March 2, 2009, and will continue until further notice.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Please enter at 14th Street.) Room numbers will be provided to interested parties when meetings are scheduled. The disability accessible entrance is located at the 14th Street Aquarium Entrance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To schedule a meeting, contact Barbara Brown at (202) 482–4374 or bBrown@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA is scheduling meetings to afford interested parties the opportunity to discuss implementation of the Broadband Grant Programs as described in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Broadband Data Services Improvement Act was enacted in October 2008 and directs the Secretary of Commerce to award grants to eligible entities on a competitive basis to assess, identify and track broadband service deployment in each State. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was enacted in February 2009 and directs NTIA to establish the "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program" to make grants available on a competitive basis to accelerate and expand broadband deployment. Information about the Broadband Grant Programs will be made available at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Online Safety and Technology Working Group

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is clarifying a notice published in the Federal Register on November 21, 2008 seeking nominations of individuals to represent the business community, public interest groups, and other appropriate groups interested in serving on the NTIA Online Safety and Technology Working Group (OSTWG). The 30 member limit applies only to private sector members of the OSTWG. The OSTWG membership will also include a certain number of Federal Government representatives as required by the Act. This notice does not reopen nominations for the OSTWG.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Sloan, Office of Policy Analysis and Development, at (202) 482–1899 or tsloan@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 10, 2008, the “Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act” (the Act) was enacted.1 Section 214 of the Act directs NTIA to establish the OSTWG to be comprised of “representatives of relevant sectors of the business community, public interest groups, and other appropriate groups and Federal agencies.” On November 21, 2008, NTIA published a notice seeking nominations in accordance with the Act.2 In that notice, NTIA announced that the OSTWG would have up to 30 members. With this notice, NTIA clarifies that this 30 member limit applies only to representatives from the relevant sectors of the business community, public interest groups and other appropriate groups as defined by the Act and the notice.

The Act also requires that NTIA invite representatives from relevant Federal Government agencies to serve on the OSTWG. NTIA is working with these agencies to identify appropriate representatives. The Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information will determine the number of Federal Government representatives that will serve on the OSTWG. The number of Federal Government representatives will be in addition to the 30 appointed from the private sector.

This notice does not reopen nominations for the working group. Applications for nominations were due on or before December 12, 2008.


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