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FCC INTERNET POLICY WORKING GROUP TO HOLD SECOND "SOLUTIONS SUMMIT" ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2004

Meeting Will Focus on Disabilities Access Issues Associated With Internet-based Communications Services

Washington, D.C. – On Friday, May 7, 2004, the FCC's Internet Policy Working Group (IPWG) will hold the second in a series of a "Solutions Summits" at which government and industry leaders can discuss creative ways to address policy issues that arise as communications services move to Internet-based platforms. The meeting will focus on the ability of persons with disabilities to access services increasingly based upon IP technologies. Participants will include members of the disability community, industry representatives, and FCC staff.

The event, which is open to the public, will be held at FCC headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. starting at 9:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm. Further details regarding this event will be announced by a Public Notice in the near future.

Background on FCC Internet Policy Working Group:

The FCC Internet Policy Working Group was created by Chairman Michael K. Powell to assist the Commission in identifying, evaluating and addressing policy issues that will arise as more services move to Internet-based platforms. The cross-bureau and multi-disciplinary working group is directed by a steering committee comprised of senior management and staff from several Commission Bureaus and Offices, and is staffed as needed by attorneys, engineers and economists from across the Commission. This Working Group also interacts with key constituencies including state regulators, consumer groups and public safety organizations.

For additional information on the Working Group, please visit the Internet Policy Working Group website at: www.fcc.gov/ipwg. For questions about the Disabilities Access Solutions Summit contact: Kelly Jones at (202) 418-7078 (voice), (202) 418-7172 (TTY) or kelly.Jones@fcc.gov.