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FCC OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES HOSTS SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY TRAINING PROGRAM

Washington – Today at FCC headquarters, the FCC Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO), expanding on previous internal training for FCC staff, hosted a group of regulatory officials of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA’s Office of Advocacy conducted a three-hour training session focused on regulations which require the agency to consider alternatives to aid small business in its rulemakings.

The session addressed the process of creating Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) analyses and certifications to accompany rulemaking documents, and provided an overview of federal agency responsibilities and the ways in which agencies may assist small businesses. The FCC participants consisted of supervisors and other staff members from throughout the agency.

OCBO Director Carolyn Fleming Williams said, “We are grateful to the SBA for bringing to the FCC their interactive training on addressing small business concerns in regulatory proceedings. We have worked closely with the SBA’s Office of Advocacy in the past, and appreciate their efforts on behalf of small telecommunications businesses. We congratulate them on creating a fine program.”

Under a 2002 Executive Order, “Proper Consideration of Small Entities in Agency Rulemaking” (E.O. 13272), the SBA is charged with training federal agencies for compliance with the RFA.

Williams said that additional training sessions, to reach more FCC staff members, are being planned.

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