



National Forum on Public Safety Spectrum Management

A Public Meeting to Address the President's Memorandum on Spectrum Policy

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OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

- WHAT:** The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host a 2-day public meeting designed to gather information from state and local public safety entities and governments about better ways to manage the Nation's airwaves. The public meeting will be an opportunity for those interested to participate in the President's initiative to develop a U.S. spectrum policy for the 21st century to ensure national and homeland security, promote economic growth, and foster new technologies. **More information on this event or alternative means to participate can be found at www.ntia.doc.gov or www.pswn.gov.**
- WHEN:** Tuesday, February 10, 2004 through Wednesday, February 11, 2004 (Sign-In: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m./Meeting: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)
- WHERE:** Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, DC 20008 202.234.0700
- WHO:** Hosted by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The NTIA is the Executive Branch's principal voice on domestic and international telecommunications and information technology issues. NTIA works to spur innovation, encourage competition, help create jobs, and provide consumers with more choices and better quality telecommunications products and services at lower prices.

MEETING FOCUS AND GOALS

This public meeting will include a combination of presentations and group discussions on managerial and regulatory aspects of radio frequency spectrum. Attendees will work together to craft suggested improvements related to the President's objectives from the state and local public safety point of view. The President's spectrum initiative requires the Department of Commerce to prepare legislative and other recommendations to—

- Develop means to address the critical spectrum needs of national security, homeland security, and public safety
- Facilitate a modernized and improved spectrum management system
- Create incentives for more efficient and beneficial use of spectrum and to provide a higher degree of predictability and certainty for incumbent users
- Develop tools to streamline the deployment of new services and technologies, while preserving national security, homeland security, and public safety, and encouraging scientific research

This forum is one in a series of public meetings to support President Bush's Spectrum Policy Initiative, which will result in recommendations to the Administration for improving spectrum management policies and procedures. On May 29, 2003, the President signed a Presidential Memorandum outlining the Administration's initiative for spectrum management reform. The President established the Spectrum Policy Initiative to promote the development and implementation of a U.S. spectrum policy for the 21st century. He directed the Secretary of Commerce to chair the initiative, which includes two courses of spectrum-related activity, one based on an interagency task force and the other on a series of public meetings. The Department of Commerce will develop recommendations for revising policies and procedures to promote more efficient and beneficial use of spectrum based on the input gathered through the public meetings.

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