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# **Connecting Communities**

January 2004





FCC Strategic Plan	Broadband	Competition	Spectrum
	Media	Homeland Security	Modernization

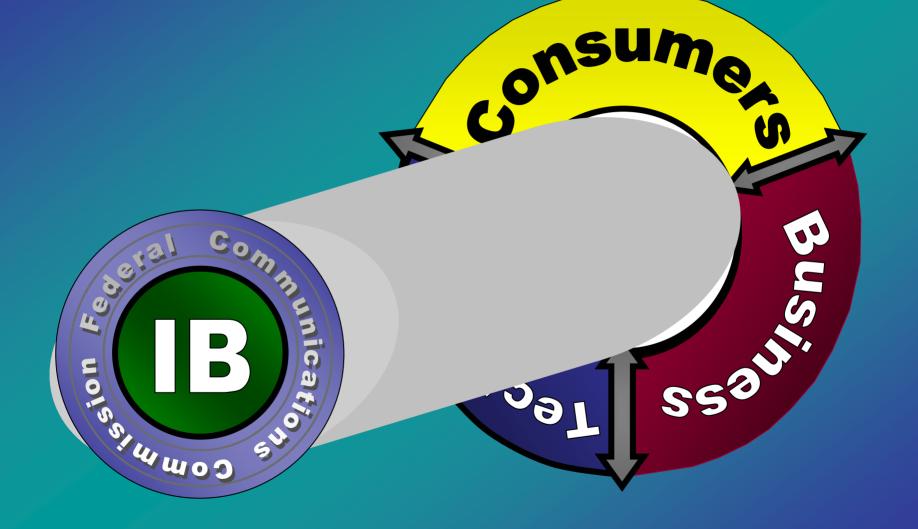
#### **IB** Mission

To connect the globe for the good of consumers through a commitment to prompt authorizations, innovative spectrum management and responsible global leadership

#### Key Communities

- Consumers (Services and Security)
- •Business (Growth and Investment)
- Technology (Innovation and Adaptation)
- •The Globe (Leadership and Listening)

# **Connecting the Key Communities**





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### **Keeping Pace Through Training and Development**









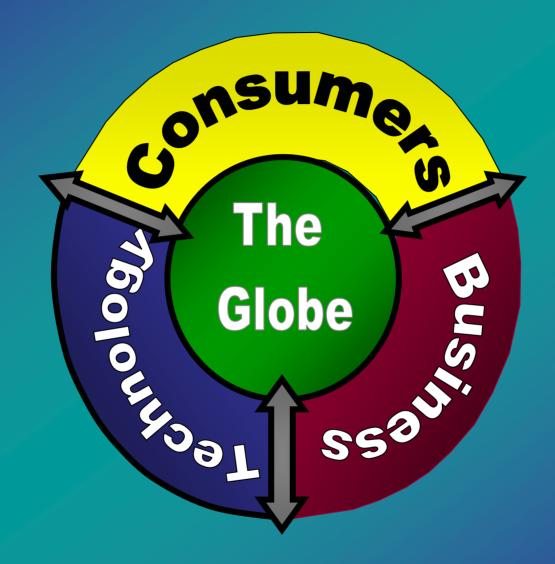




#### FCC Training Fair







### Consumers: Services and Security Accomplishments in 2003

 ISP Reform NPRM - Driving International • Reduction in the Average Price of an International Call from \$0.33 to **Calling Rates Down** \$0.27 • New satellite providers Expanding Service Options • Broadband Deployment for U.S. Consumers • Service to Rural Communities • E911 Scope Order Protecting citizens and the • ITU Working Party 8 services they use • Satellite coordination and international treaty compliance – Russia, Canada, France, Mexico, Japan, Brazil • Coordination of Safety Services Along the Border • MSRC/NRIC Participation

## Consumers: Services and Security

### Focus in 2004

- Driving International Calling Rates Down
  Review of Benchmarks
  International Reporting Reform
- Expanding Service Options for U.S. Consumers
- New satellite providers
- Broadband Deployment
- Service to Rural Communities
- Protecting citizens and the services they use
- ITU Public safety Committees
- Satellite coordination and international treaty compliance
- Safety Services Along the Border
- Ensuring Continuity of Service
- MSRC/NRIC
- International Reliability and Security Initiative
- Orbital Debris Report & Order

## Rural Focus in 2004



#### Making the Rural Connection



#### FCC Satellite Rural Forum



Washington, DC

January 27, 2004



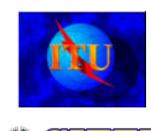


# Homeland Security in 2004

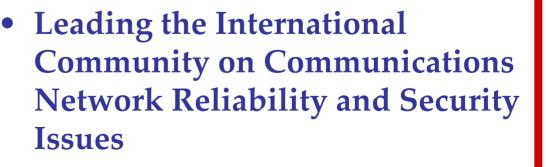
 Protecting Public Safety Services Along the Border



• Providing Technical Expertise to Executive Branch Agencies







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# **Connecting Communities Business:** Growth and Investment

**Progress in 2003** 

- **Competitive Environment**
- **ISP Reform NPRM**
- Call Back Report & Order
- Alaska Bush Report & Order
- **Resolution of Accounting Rate Disputes**
- Promotion of procompetitive policies abroad

- HOMELAND
  - More Competitors/More **Consumer Choice**

- Licensed New Digital **Broadband Competitor**
- Licensed New MVPD Competitor
- Additions to the Space Station Permitted List

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### Connecting Communities <u>Business: Growth and Investment</u> <u>Accomplishments in 2003</u>

- Expert Advice to the Executive Branch on Regulatory and Spectrum Telecom-Related Trade Issues
- Free Trade Agreements for Chile, Singapore, Morocco
- Consultations with USTR
- Good Regulatory Practices
   Paper

- New Business Arrangements
- Transaction Review
  - Global Crossing
  - XO
  - Lockheed/Comsat
  - Comsat/Intelsat
  - Foreign Ownership Review

## Connecting Communities <u>Business: Growth and Investment</u> Focus in 2004

New Business Arrangements	<ul><li>Transaction Review</li><li>Foreign Ownership Review</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Streamlined Licensing Procedures and Efficient Internal Operations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Satellite Earth Station Rules</li> <li>Electronic Filing <ul> <li>Mandatory E-Filing</li> <li>Development of MyIBFS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Competitive Environment	<ul><li>Benchmark Review</li><li>WRC 07 Preparations</li><li>Satellite Industry Report</li></ul>
<ul> <li>More Competitors/More Consumer Choice</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Satellite TV Competition</li><li>Licensing Activities</li></ul>

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# Technology: Innovation & Adaptation

### Accomplishments in 2003

- Spectrum Efficient Ubiquitous Fle Services
  - Flexible Use of MSS Spectrum/ Terrestrial Component
  - V-Band Satellite Services

- Broadband Deployment
  - In-Flight
  - At Sea
  - Along U.S. Borders

- WRC-03
- Earth Stations on Vessels Proposal
- FCC/Radio Canada Interim Agreement for WCS
- New Services to Market Sooner Satellite Licensing Reform

• Efficient Use of Spectrum

Milestone Enforcement

<u>Getting New Services to Market Sooner</u> <u>Through Improved Performance</u>

- Space Station Licensing Reform
  - Initial Implementation August 2003
  - Processing Statistics
    - 73 eligible applications filed
    - 51 disposed
    - 1<sup>st</sup> licenses issued November 2003
- Space Station Backlog Reduction
  - Number of Applications
     Pending more than 270 Days

1<sup>st</sup> licenses Issued 8 times faster than under the legacy system





### **Other Backlog Reduction in 2003**

• Proceedings pending more than one year

Backlog Eliminated

50%

• Petitions for Reconsideration and Applications for pending for more than one year



#### **MyIBFS Design and Development Project**

- \* Implements Satellite Licensing Reform Decisions
- Phase One
  - Kick-Off November 2003
  - **\***Goals:
    - ✓ Earth Station Interactive E-Z Form
    - ✓ New Homepage
    - ✓ MyIBFS Account Management Portal
    - ✓ New Search Functionality

**\*FCC/Industry Design Partnership** 

# Technology: Innovation & Adaptation

#### Focus in 2004

New Services to Market Sooner	<ul> <li>Satellite Licensing Reform Implementation         <ul> <li>Electronic Filing Initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>Further Backlog Reduction</li> </ul>
Innovative Technologies	• V-Band Satellite Services
• Efficient Use of Spectrum	<ul> <li>Big Leo Review</li> <li>Milestone Enforcement</li> <li>DTV Transition along U.S. Borders</li> </ul>
Broadband Deployment	<ul> <li>WRC-03 Implementation</li> <li>WRC-07 Preparations</li> <li>Earth Stations on Vessels</li> <li>Continued Cross Border Negotiations</li> </ul>



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### **Connecting Communities:**

### The Globe: Leadership and Listening

Accomplishments in 2003

S Maintaining a Two-Way Dialogue with Global **Regulators on FCC Issues** 

- Spectrum Policy Task Force (SPTF)
- **Triennial Review**
- Media Ownership
- Homeland Security
- International Visitors Program
  - **110** Countries
- Jordan, CAFTA countries Egypt, India, South Africa, E.U., United Kingdom, Regional Outreach Germany, European Commission, Japan, Korea Participation in
  - ITU, OECD, APEC, CITEL, TRÁSA/CÓMESA

Organizations **Cross-Border Activities** 

International

New understanding with Canada and Mexico on Public Safety, WCS, TV, Low Power TV 21

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#### **Connecting Communities:**

### The Globe: Leadership and Listening

#### Focus in 2004

- S Maintaining a Two-Way Dialogue with Global Regulators on FCC Issues
- Local Number Portability
- Broadband
- Universal Service
- VOIP
- Network Reliability and Security

Regional Outreach

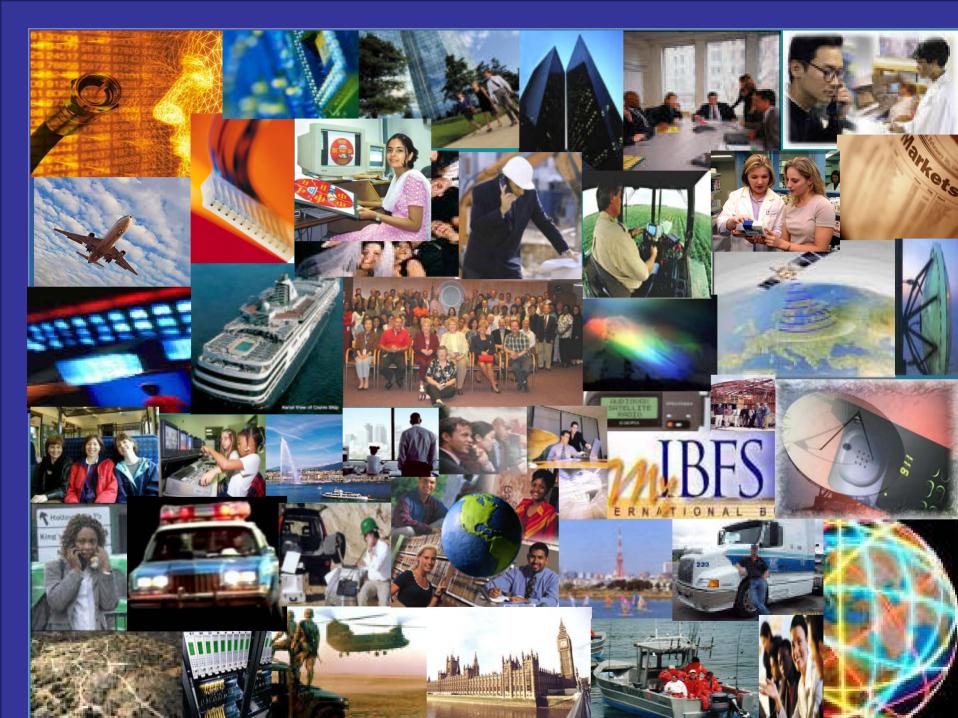
- Japan/Korea
- U.K.

Participation in International Organizations

• ITU, OECD, APEC, CITEL, TRASA/COMESA

Cross-Border Activities

• Foster Relationships with Canada and Mexico



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