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**NTIA UNVEILS ROAD MAP FOR KEY IMPROVEMENTS IN HOW U.S. PREPARES
FOR WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCES**

Road map supports President's initiative to improve management of nation's airwaves

The Commerce Department's National Telecommunication and Information Administration today unveiled a road map on how the United States can improve its preparation for World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs). The report recommends key improvements on how the U.S. can build on its past successes in advancing America's interests.

Improving the preparatory process for WRCs is one of 24 recommendations NTIA sent to President Bush in June 2004 in response to the President's initiative for a U.S. spectrum policy for the 21st century. The new approach to spectrum policy, outlined in the recommendations, calls for innovative management tools to streamline the deployment of new services and technologies while preserving national and homeland security and public safety.

Success at WRCs has helped the United States maintain its leadership in government and private sector spectrum technologies. Evolving conditions, however, demand regular evaluation and improvement in the preparatory process, the report said. The conferences provide the international regulatory framework for use of radiocommunication systems vital to U.S. economic growth, national security, public safety and scientific research.

"The United States is the world leader in innovation, the catalyst for both our economic and national security," Gallagher said. "The report recommends how we can institutionalize our best practices for future conferences to maintain our global leadership," Gallagher said.

The recommendations, made in consultation with the State Department and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), include:

- Formalized senior level agency engagement in the WRC preparations;
- Closer cooperation and coordination of federal and non-federal preparations;
- Earlier international consultation, communication, preparation and formation of the delegation.

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