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THIRD MEETING OF JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FACILITIES SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 18, 2007

Washington, D.C. – This Public Notice serves as notice that the Joint Advisory Committee on Communications Capabilities of Emergency Medical and Public Health Care Facilities (“Joint Committee”) will hold its third meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the AT&T Offices, 1120 20th Street, NW, North Tower, Suite 1000 (10th Floor), Conference Room A/B, Washington, DC 20036.

At its third meeting, the Joint Committee’s informal working groups will report on their progress. The Joint Committee may also receive presentations from invited representatives of organizations that address health care communications issues.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to members of the public. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available.

Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments before the meeting to: Lisa M. Fowlkes, Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission by email (lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov), by facsimile ((202) 418-2817) or by mail (445 12th Street, SW, Room 7-C753, Washington, DC 20554) AND to Eric Werner, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, by email (jointadvisorycommittee@ntia.doc.gov), by facsimile ((202) 506-0536) or by mail (1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4898, Washington, DC 20230).

Reasonable Accommodations. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute

requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

BACKGROUND: The Joint Committee was established by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and the United States Department of Commerce's Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information pursuant to Section 2201(c) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law No. 110-53, 121 Stat. 266 (2007) ("9/11 Commission Act" or "Act").

The 9/11 Commission Act requires the Joint Committee to assess: (1) specific communications capabilities and needs of emergency medical and public health care facilities, including the improvement of basic voice, data, and broadband capabilities; (2) options to accommodate growth of basic and emerging communications services used by emergency medical and public health care facilities; and (3) options to improve integration of communications systems used by emergency medical and public health care facilities with existing or future emergency communications networks. The Joint Committee's findings must be submitted to Congress within six months of the date of enactment of the statute (*i.e.*, February 4, 2008).¹

For further information about the Committee, please visit the Committee's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/advisory/emph/>. In addition, publicly available documents are available for copying and inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554.

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¹ The Act was enacted on August 3, 2007.