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Subject: Seeking Tribal Nominations for the FCC's Precision Agriculture Task Force

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission is seeking additional nominations for the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States (Task Force), a federal advisory committee. Formed pursuant to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the Task Force provides advice and recommendations to the FCC on how to assess and advance deployment of broadband Internet access service on unserved agricultural land to promote precision agriculture. Along with the statutory requirements, Chairwoman Rosenworcel has announced that the work of the Task Force and its working groups will include consideration of how connectivity can improve sustainability in agricultural production.

For the Task Force, the Commission is seeking nominations specifically from agricultural producers representing tribal agriculture, which is a statutory requirement for the Task Force. Voting members of the Task Force will be expected to participate in deliberations of at least one of the Task Force's working groups (described below). The Task Force meets several times a year at the FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC and members may choose to participate by video conference.

The Commission is also seeking nominations for members of the Task Force's four working groups.

The four Working Groups that meet multiple times per year by video conference are:

- (1) Mapping and Analyzing Connectivity on Agricultural Lands;
- (2) Examining Current and Future Connectivity Demand for Precision Agriculture;
- (3) Encouraging Adoption of Precision Agriculture and Availability of High-Quality Jobs on Connected Farms; and
- (4) Accelerating Broadband Deployment on Unserved Agricultural Lands.

The Task Force will terminate on January 1, 2025. Task Force and working group members must be willing to commit to serving for the full term.

Nominations to the Task Force from agricultural producers representing tribal agriculture or for the Task Force's four working groups should be submitted by e-mail to PrecisionAgTF@fcc.gov. Nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

For more information about the obligations of working group members, the application process, as well as the qualifications sought in applicants, please review the Commission's prior public notice seeking other Task Force nominations: https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-23-739A1.pdf

For more information about the Task Force in general, you can visit its web page: https://www.fcc.gov/task-force-reviewing-connectivity-and-technology-needs-precision-agriculture-united-states

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