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Subject: FCC Announces Rechartering of Precision Agriculture Task Force — Call for Applicants

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy.

On August 21, 2023, Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel announced the Commission's intent to recharter the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Task Force (Task Force) for its third and final term. She also called for representatives from diverse and historically underrepresented communities, including socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, to apply for membership to the Task Force and its working groups.

Formed pursuant to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the Task Force provides advice and recommendations to the Commission on how to assess and advance deployment of broadband Internet access service on unserved agricultural land to promote precision agriculture. The four Task Force working groups are focused on the following activities: (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.

Task Force members will serve at the discretion of Chairwoman Rosenworcel, and must be willing to commit to the final term of service from the date of the recharter of the Task Force until its termination. The Commission anticipates a starting date no later than December 2, 2023, and a termination date of January 1, 2025.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit nominations to PrecisionAgTF@fcc.gov as soon as possible, but no later than September 20, 2023. For more information about the obligations of members, the application process, as well as the qualifications sought in applicants, you can look at the August 21 public notice here: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/rosenworcel-announces-intent-recharter-concluding-term-precision>

More information about the Task Force is available here: <https://www.fcc.gov/task-force-reviewing-connectivity-and-technology-needs-precision-agriculture-united-states> For additional questions, please contact: Christi Shewman, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Christi.Shewman@fcc.gov; Emily Caditz, Deputy DFO, Emily.Caditz@fcc.gov; or Thomas Hastings, Deputy DFO, Thomas.Hastings@fcc.gov.