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FCC RELEASES FINAL DETAILS OF OCTOBER 6 SYMPOSIUM EXPLORING THE EDUCATIONAL POWER OF BROADBAND

Washington D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission has released the agenda and list of speakers for "Unleashing the Educational Power of Broadband," a Symposium to be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. beginning at 9:00 a.m. Speakers will include FCC Chairman Michael Powell, FCC Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein as well as schools and libraries leaders. The event is part of ongoing Commission efforts intended to spur the deployment of broadband services across America, including to schools and libraries. *The agenda is attached.*

Background on Symposium

To present this full day symposium, the FCC is partnering with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping museums and libraries serve their communities, and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the independent not-for-profit corporation that administers the Universal Service Fund.

The event will explore ways to use broadband to facilitate learning in schools, libraries, and the home. Among the presenters will be participants in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service program, also called the "e-rate," which was established as part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide affordable telecommunications services for all eligible schools and libraries, especially those in rural and economically disadvantaged areas. Speakers will also include teachers and librarians with first-hand experience using digital resources and assessing their impact on learning.

Additional Information

Webcast

Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio.

Reasonable Accommodations

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. 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).

For More Information:

For more information about the E-rate, visit the FCC's webpage at: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/usp_Schools.html

For more information about IMLS visit http://www.imls.gov.

For more information about USAC visit http://www.universalservice.org.

Further inquiries can be e-mailed to: Edsymposium@fcc.gov.

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Unleashing the Educational Power of Broadband

9:00   **Welcome**
Sarah E. Whitesell
Associate Chief, Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis, FCC

Opening Remarks
Chairman Michael K. Powell, FCC

9:10   Demonstration: **The Power of Broadband in Learning**
Douglas Levin
Director of Education Policy, Cable in the Classroom

9:25   Remarks
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, FCC

9:30   Remarks
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, FCC

9:35   **Panel I: Integrating Technology Into the Learning Environment**

Opening Remarks
Moderator Robert Martin, Ph.D.
Director, IMLS

Panelists:
Darryl LaGace, Director, Information Systems, Lemon Grove School District,
     California
Cynthia Stout, Ph.D., Curriculum Content Specialist, Jefferson County Public
     Schools, Colorado
Ed Vandertook, Executive Director, Mountain Board of Cooperative Educational
     Services, Colorado
Pam Berger, M.L.S., Library/Education Technology Consultant,
     DataSearch Group, Inc., New York

11:00 Break

11:10 Demonstration: **Lemon Grove School District Turned On**
Darryl LaGace, Director, Information Systems, Lemon Grove School District,

11:30 Remarks
Commissioner Michael J. Copps

11:35   Panel II: **Using Technology to Meet the Diverse Needs of Lifelong Learners**

Moderator:
Peggy O'Brien, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President, Educational Programming and Services,
Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Panelists:
Bruce Friend, Chief Administrative Officer, Florida Virtual School
Karen Warren, Director of Information Technology, American School for the
    Deaf, Connecticut
David D. Reilly, Technology Coordinator, Yupiit School District, Alaska
Carla Hayden, Ph.D., Executive Director, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Maryland

12:50   Presentation: **BellSouth Foundation**

1:05   Lunch Break

2:05   Demonstration: Building Big: The Power of Convergence in Learning
    Michael Connet, Director of Education, Nortel Networks Kidz Online
    Joel Holland, Host of Streaming Futures, Nortel Networks Kidz Online

2:25   Panel 3: **Forging Alliances and Looking Ahead**

Moderator:
Lisa Zaina
Chief Executive Officer, USAC

Panelists:
Joanne Steneck, General Counsel, Maine Public Utilities Commission
Hal Gardner, Director KAN-ED, Kansas
Anthony Wilhelm, Ph.D., Director Technology Opportunities Program, NTIA
Louis Fox, Ph.D., Executive Director, National Internet2 K20 Initiative & Vice
    Provost, University of Washington

3:40   Demonstration: **Increasing Student Achievement with Videos on Demand**
    Paul Thomas
    Vice President of Marketing and Product Development, Discovery Education

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