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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY
FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN THE DIGITAL AGE
TO HOLD MEETING IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Washington, D.C. – The Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age is scheduled to meet on Friday, December 10, 2004. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Florida Memorial College at 15800 NW 42nd Avenue, Miami, Florida.

During the meeting the Committee will discuss recommendations from the three subcommittees: (1) The Subcommittee on Career Advancement will propose a web site that will serve as a diversity resource directory, a further report on the best of the Best Practices identified in the survey "*Workplace Diversity: A Global Necessity and an Ongoing Commitment,*" and a recommendation relating to minority and female career advancement; (2) The Transactional Transparency and Outreach Subcommittee will present a recommendation on merger review; (3) The Financial Issues Subcommittee will present a Community Reinvestment Act recommendation and foreign ownership proposal.

The Diversity Committee meeting will be preceded in the morning by a "kick-off" event for the new "Communications Technology Supplier Diversity Business Development Program." The Supplier Diversity Program is a new industry initiative designed to support new technology introduction throughout the communications industry from businesses that meet Small Business Administration guidelines.

The Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age was formed by FCC Chairman Michael Powell in the summer of 2003. Its mission is to provide guidance to the Commission on policies and practices that could further enhance the ability of minorities and women to participate in the telecommunications and related industries. The Committee issues reports and makes recommendations concerning the need for any guidelines, incentives, regulations or other policy approaches to promote diversity of participation in the communications sector. It has also developed a description of best practices within the communications sector for promoting diversity of participation.

Information concerning the activities of the Diversity Committee can be reviewed at the Committee's Web site <http://www.fcc.gov/DiversityFAC>. Material relevant to the December 10th meeting will be posted there. Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The

