

Government and Industry Collaboration Subcommittee

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Questions to the Subcommittee

- What type of spectrum issues do you recommend NTIA prioritize for enhanced collaboration, to include those requiring sensitive/classified information exchange?
- How can we most effectively leverage existing or emerging entities to include CSMAC, PPSG, NASCTN, and CAC to streamline efforts and minimize the burden on participating organizations?
- How would you modify the draft framework to most efficiently and effectively achieve the desired collaboration?

Subcommittee Activities

- NTIA provided a draft framework document that it requested feedback on
- The subcommittee has had numerous conference calls and attempted to draft a revised framework document that would better meet the goals of NTIA and the affected stakeholders
- However, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements were determined to significantly limit decision making efforts outside of a FACA approved process
- Therefore, the subcommittee instead moved to focus on the questions posed to it by NTIA

Draft Recommendations

- Draft Recommendation 1: NTIA, in collaboration with the FCC, should initiate non-decision making discussions with affected stakeholders on spectrum issues.
 - The subcommittee believes that outreach should include the FCC as well as NTIA
 - These discussions should establish a fact finding dialog between the Federal government and industry but not delve into recommendations or decisions
 - Affected stakeholders would include Federal agencies (DOD, FAA, DOJ, etc.) and should be broadly representative of industry (aviation, satellite, licensed and unlicensed terrestrial wireless)

Draft Recommendations (cont.)

- Draft Recommendation 2: NTIA should seek to leverage existing expert advisory groups to target particular spectrum policy areas for further study.
 - The subcommittee believes that existing advisory groups such as CSMAC and the FCC TAC, as well as potentially the PPSG, can be used to help drive decision making on key spectrum issues
 - Of continued concern is how to engage Federal agencies with national security concerns, especially DOD, under the FACA processes

Draft Recommendations (cont.)

- Draft Recommendation 3: NTIA should prioritize identifying additional spectrum bands below 6 GHz for enhanced collaboration.
 - In addition to ongoing efforts with respect to the 3.5 and 5 GHz bands, NTIA should work in collaboration with the FCC and industry on additional spectrum bands for enhanced collaboration.

Follow on Question

- How can government and industry effectively work in small groups to discuss spectrum and policy issues to ensure compliance with FACA?
 - The subcommittee attempted to determine a way forward to having small group discussions while complying with FACA requirements.
 - The concern is ensuring that Federal agencies with national security concerns are able to fully participate in the decision making process.
 - Industry concern is ensuring widespread representation in these small group discussions and that these small group efforts lead to actionable output.