2. Information is requested on the criteria that should be used to evaluate scientific integrity policies: Content, implementation, outcomes, and impacts in Federal agencies and other components of the Executive Branch. Consider methods and metrics for evaluating elements such as, but not limited to: Policy provisions, practices, capacity, and actions so that determinations can be made on their efficacy to achieve desired outcomes and impacts.

3. Information is requested on how to ensure that scientific integrity evaluation findings, and other findings that evolve over time, such as findings on the emergent issues identified above, lead to iterative improvement of Federal scientific integrity policy and practices. Consider information covering, but not limited to: Types and frequency of evaluation of agency scientific integrity policies and practices; steps that OSTP, Federal agencies, and other components of the Executive Branch should take to ensure regular comprehensive evaluation and continuous improvement of scientific integrity policies and practices; and other mechanisms or process elements that should be included in the framework to ensure effective iterative improvement of Federal scientific integrity policy and practices.

4. Information is requested on how to ensure the long-term viability and implementation of Federal scientific integrity policies, practices, and culture through future Administrations. Consider information on, but not limited to: Ways to ensure Federal scientific integrity is robust through changes in government leadership, funding, and cultural shifts; how to institutionalize policies and practices that ensure the integrity of science, build and sustain a culture of scientific integrity, and encourage transparency; and how to provide accountability, such as through procedures to identify, address, and provide appropriate and meaningful consequences for instances when scientific integrity policies have been violated.


Stacy Murphy,
Operations Manager.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[GN Docket No. 19–329; FR ID 73477]

Federal Advisory Committee Act; Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice advises interested persons that the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC or Commission) Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States (Task Force) will hold its next meeting via live internet link.

DATES: March 21, 2022. The meeting will come to order at 10:00 a.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call and be available to the public via live feed from the FCC’s web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Elizabeth Cuttner, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418–2145, or Elizabeth.Cuttner@fcc.gov; Stacy Ferraro, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418–0795, or Stacy.Ferraro@fcc.gov; or Lauren Garry, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418–0942, or Lauren.Garry@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be held on March 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. EST and may be viewed live, by the public, at http://www.fcc.gov/live. Any questions that arise during the meeting should be sent to PrecisionAgTF@fcc.gov and will be answered at a later date. Members of the public may submit comments to the Task Force in the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments to the Task Force should be filed in GN Docket No. 19–329. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow at least five days’ advance notice; last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill.

Proposed Agenda: At this meeting, the Task Force will provide updates on Task Force administration; review and discuss programs and policies relevant to the Task Force’s duties; and continue to discuss strategies to advance broadband deployment on agricultural land and promote precision agriculture. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the Task Force Chair and the Designated Federal Officer.

Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene Dortch,
Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 74524]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (“Privacy Act”), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission” or “Agency”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Virginia Department of Social Services (“Department”) (“Agency”). The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before April 4, 2022. This computer matching program will commence on April 4, 2022, and will conclude 18 months after the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Linda Oliver, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to Privacy@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Linda Oliver at 202–418–1732 or Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers.
Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 stat. 1182, 2129–36 (2020) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1301 nt.), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.), EBBP provided $3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional $14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC’s Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (2016 Lifeline Modernization Order), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants’ eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive Medicaid or SNAP benefits administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

**Participating Agencies:** Virginia Department of Social Services.


**Purpose(s):** The purpose of this modified matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant’s/subscriber’s participation in Medicaid and SNAP in Virginia. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

**Categories of Individuals:** The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

**Categories of Records:** The categories of records involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security Number, date of birth, and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Virginia Department of Social Services, which will respond either “yes” or “no” that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: Medicaid or SNAP administered by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

**System(s) of Records:** The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1, Lifeline, which was published in the Federal Register at 86 FR 11526 (Feb. 23, 2021).

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB–3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the Federal Register at 86 FR 71494 (Dec. 16, 2021).


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