



The VON Coalition

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### **VON Coalition Statement on FCC National Broadband Plan**

**BACKGROUND:** Today, the Federal Communications Commission issued the National Broadband Plan.

The following statement can be attributed to Glenn Richards, Executive Director of the VON Coalition.

“For the past 13 months the FCC has worked diligently to meet Congress’ requirement for a National Broadband Plan to address the issues of broadband availability and adoption. With the release today of this ambitious document, the FCC provides the blueprint for a country that has universal broadband and is served by next generation networks that will allow for the continued development of the Internet communications services and applications that are fueling our economic growth. The VON Coalition looks forward to working with the FCC on the many important proceedings and legislative initiatives that are necessary to make this plan become a reality.”

#### **About the VON Coalition:**

The Voice on the Net or VON Coalition consists of leading Internet communications companies, on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over Internet. The coalition, which includes AT&T, Cisco, Google, iBasis, Microsoft, New Global Telecom, Skype, T-Mobile, Vonage and Yahoo!, works to advance regulatory policies that enable Americans to take advantage of the full promise and potential of Internet communications. The Coalition believes that with the right public policies, Internet based voice advances can make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, jobs more plentiful, the Internet more valuable, and Americans more safe and secure. Since its inception, the VON Coalition has promoted pragmatic policy choices for unleashing the potential of Internet communications.

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