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MEDIA ADVISORY

Register Now: CPUC Webinar on Affordable Telecommunication Services

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13, 2023 –As part of an ongoing effort to bridge the digital divide across the state, the California Public Utilities Commission is hosting a free webinar on the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF), which provides eligible organizations with discounted rates on select telecommunications and broadband services. CPUC staff will guide participants through the CTF process, ensuring that all eligible organizations have access to affordable telecommunication services.

WHEN: Oct. 30, 2023, 10:10 – 11:40 a.m.

WHAT: The CTF is dedicated to promoting digital equity and enhancing the quality of life for all Californians. During this webinar, CPUC staff will cover essential topics, including application entities, criteria, eligibility, and timelines; a demonstration of the electronic claim and application portal (eCAP); required documentation; the qualifying services worksheet; addressing application deficiencies; and determining eligibility. For inquiries about the CTF or technical assistance, please contact <u>CTFOutreach@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

WHERE: Remote access via WebEx or phone:

- Attendees should register in advance of the webinar. Video and call-in options will be provided through email after registration.
- WebEx registration link: <u>Register Here</u>

SPECIALIZED ACCOMMODATIONS:

If specialized accommodations are required to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at <u>public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</u> or toll-free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the event.

BACKGROUND

The CTF plays a crucial role in ensuring that underserved communities, schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities have access to affordable and reliable telecommunications infrastructure. Visit the <u>California Teleconnect Fund</u> website for additional information.

No official action will be taken on this matter at the event.

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About the California Public Utilities Commission

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. Visit <u>www.cpuc.ca.gov</u> for more information.