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MMTC Supports the Biden-Harris Administration's Internet for All Initiative

WASHINGTON, DC. (May 17, 2022): MMTC supports the Biden-Harris Administration's Internet for All initiative, a \$45 billion investment that will build internet infrastructure, teach digital skills, and provide necessary technology to ensure that everyone in America – including communities of color, rural communities, and older Americans – has the access and skills they need to fully participate in today's society. The U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) will administer and implement the Internet for All initiative. Also, the NTIA launched three Notices of Funding Opportunity: 1) Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program (\$42.5 billion); 2) Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program (\$1 billion); and 3) State Digital Equity Act program (\$1.5 billion). Get more information here: www.internetforall.gov.

According to MMTC Vice President of Policy Dr. Fallon Wilson, "The Internet for All initiative aligns with and strengthens MMTC's partnership with the Black Churches 4 Digital Equity Coalition to educate members of the Black community about broadband internet assistance programs, to encourage unconnected households to get online, to train and organize leaders as advocates to get their communities connected, and advance digital equity." Visit www.blackchurches4digitalequity.com.

"We look forward to working with the Biden-Harris Administration and NTIA on the implementation of the Internet for All initiative and ensuring all communities have affordable broadband access and are the beneficiaries of digital inclusion and equity," said MMTC President and CEO Robert E. Branson.

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About MMTC:

The Multicultural Media, Telecom, and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecom, and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for minority advancement in communications. MMTC's vision is to achieve a fully connected, educated, healthy, and empowered society in which all communities thrive. Visit MMTC's website [here](http://www.mmtconline.org).