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The USAC Connection High Cost & Low Income monthly newsletter will give you information about upcoming program deadlines, tips to help you ensure timely and proper filings, and other timely information.

## **USAC Provides First Training Session for High Cost and Low Income Program Participants**

USAC held the first in a series of High Cost/Low Income training sessions May 8 at its offices in Washington, D.C. Approximately 60 participants in both programs attended.

The day-long session covered the High Cost Program and the Low Income Program, as well as an overview of USAC's audit function for the two programs. USAC will hold additional sessions in July, September, and November (see schedule and locations below).

The morning began with an overview of both programs followed by a question and answer period where participants asked questions about support calculations and other program requirements.

The next sessions covered High Cost deadlines for certifications and line count filings and Low Income requirements for certification and verification. These

were followed by an overview of the projection and disbursement processes for both programs.

After lunch, a USAC internal audit representative explained the types of audits USAC conducts and is subject to, the document retention requirements for each of the programs, and common findings for the programs on the audits conducted to date.

This was followed by a brief report on USAC site visits and sessions covering program requirements for advertising and best practices for participants in both programs.

The day concluded with an audience participation contest to test the knowledge learned during the sessions and a demonstration of the Online FCC Form 525 developed by USAC for competitive eligible telecommunications carriers to submit their line count data.

### **High Cost and Low Income Training Sessions – Save the Date!**

Learn more about the High Cost and Low Income program rules by attending USAC's upcoming training sessions in Chicago, Denver, and Dallas.

#### **Who Should Attend**

Company representatives, consultants, and attorneys working with eligible telecommunications carriers

#### **Training Dates**

**July 22, 2008** — Midwest Training – Chicago, IL

**September 10, 2008** — West Training – Denver, CO

**November 19, 2008** — South Central Training – Dallas, TX

More details regarding training registration and hotel accommodations will be available within the coming weeks. Please check [High Cost Training Events](#) or [Low Income Training Events](#) for more information.