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**Subject:** OCBO Studies  
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An update on OCBO's study of the critical information needs of communities -- the second portion of their contracting process has already begun, submissions due at the end of this week, July 6. They identify four research projects in the link. <sup>(b) (5)</sup> 

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**Subject:** OCH statement on critical info needs  
**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2014 10:43:15 AM  
**Attachments:** [CIN study response.pdf](#)

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Wanted to make sure you saw this statement released Friday.

February 21, 2014

## SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ABOUT THE DRAFT STUDY

**Washington, D.C.** – FCC Spokesperson Shannon Gilson issued the following statement today:

“By law, the FCC must report to Congress every three years on the barriers that may prevent entrepreneurs and small business from competing in the media marketplace, and pursue policies to eliminate those barriers. To fulfill that obligation in a meaningful way, the FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities consulted with academic researchers in 2012 and selected a contractor to design a study which would inform the FCC's report to Congress. Last summer, the proposed study was put out for public comment and one pilot to test the study design in a single marketplace – Columbia, S.C. – was planned.

“However, in the course of FCC review and public comment, concerns were raised that some of the questions may not have been appropriate. Chairman Wheeler agreed that survey questions in the study directed toward media outlet managers, news directors, and reporters overstepped the bounds of what is required. Last week, Chairman Wheeler informed lawmakers that that Commission has no intention of regulating political or other speech of journalists or broadcasters and would be modifying the draft study. Yesterday, the Chairman directed that those questions be removed entirely.

“To be clear, media owners and journalists will no longer be asked to participate in the Columbia, S.C. pilot study. The pilot will not be undertaken until a new study design is final. Any subsequent market studies conducted by the FCC, if determined necessary, will not seek participation from or include questions for media owners, news directors or reporters.

“Any suggestion that the FCC intends to regulate the speech of news media or plans to put monitors in America's newsrooms is false. The FCC looks forward to fulfilling its obligation to Congress to report on barriers to entry into the communications marketplace, and is currently revising its proposed study to achieve that goal.”

To read Chairman Wheeler's response to the CIN study: <http://fcc.us/1p2fSOS>

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**Subject:** RE: USC Literature Review Panel  
**Date:** Monday, June 18, 2012 2:02:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [ASCJ\\_CPRN\\_FCCLitReviewSum061712.pdf](#)

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All:

I've attached for everyone's review a copy of the Executive Summary that USC circulated to us last night. We're expecting the full draft to be forwarded this evening at which point, I'll forward that along as well.

Best,

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**To:** Daniel Margolis  
**Cc:** Thomas Reed; Sarah Whitesell; Martha Heller; Judith Herman; Jamila-Bess Johnson; Brendan Holland; Andrew Wise  
**Subject:** RE: USC Literature Review Panel

Thanks, Dan. We would like to include the following on the list for both meetings (although a few of us may need to duck out from time to time to attend to other commitments.) What time is the afternoon session expected to take place?

Jamila Bess Johnson  
Andrew Wise  
Judith Herman  
Brendan Holland  
Martha Heller  
Hillary DeNigro

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**From:** Daniel Margolis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:30 AM  
**To:** Hillary DeNigro

**Cc:** Thomas Reed; Sarah Whitesell; Martha Heller; Judith Herman  
**Subject:** RE: USC Literature Review Panel

Hillary:

I certainly agree that it would be appropriate for folks from MB/IAD attend both the morning's public session as well as the afternoon session. Though there's no need for folks to register, if you send me a list of names, I'll ensure that there's sufficient room.

Thanks,

Dan

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**Subject:** RE: USC Literature Review Panel

Thanks, Dan. (b) (5)

We'd like to have some staff attend the public session in listening mode if you agree that is appropriate and there will be room to accommodate them. Should we have them register pursuant to the directions in the PN or is there a different list for internal FCC staff?

Thanks!

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**From:** Daniel Margolis  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2012 4:31 PM  
**To:** Hillary DeNigro  
**Cc:** Thomas Reed  
**Subject:** USC Literature Review Panel  
**Importance:** High

Dear Hillary:

As you recall, OCBO commissioned USC-Annenberg to assess the existing research into the critical information needs of the American public and market entry barriers into participation in the communications industry.

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, OCBO will be hosting a public discussion of the draft literature review that we expect to

receive from USC by the end of this week. The public discussion will run from 9:30 AM to approximately noon, and will give interested members of the public an opportunity to hear results directly from USC and to give feedback to the USC team. We will also be hosting a follow-up afternoon session that will be closed to the public.

I've attached for you a draft copy of the PN announcing the panel, which we hope to release by the end of the day tomorrow. Please let me know if MB wants any edits made to the PN.

Many thanks,

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