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## WCA Issues Statement On FCC Order To Grant LMDS Build-out Extension

WASHINGTON, DC (April 11, 2008) – Andrew Kreig, president of the [Wireless Communications Association International \(WCA\)](http://www.wcai.com), issued the following statement regarding today’s FCC decision to grant applications by Local Multipoint Distribution Service (LMDS) licensees for extensions of time to build out their licenses and demonstrate substantial service within their licensed areas:

“WCA and its LMDS Coalition applaud the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau for today’s decision to extend until June 1, 2012 the deadline for Local Multipoint Distribution Service (LMDS) licensees to demonstrate that they are providing substantial service. When WCA started this process last year, we recognized that, through no fault of their own, LMDS licensees have faced a myriad of problems during their license terms that had precluded the launching of viable service offerings. However, the ongoing development of cost-effective equipment and the emerging demand for high-capacity backhaul to support the needs of the wireless broadband industry bodes well for extensive deployments by the Commission’s new deadline.

“We are disappointed, however, that the Bureau did not take the opportunity to establish procedures to govern the renewal process. WCA hopes that LMDS licensees will not find themselves being subject to greenmail filing as has happened in similar situations.”

The FCC’s decision adds yet another timely dimension to **WCA 2008**, WCA’s annual convention scheduled for April 21-23 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. Leaders of major U.S. LMDS and other fixed wireless spectrum holders are scheduled to discuss both regulatory and business issues along with eco-system partners and end-user customers in a series of cutting-edge panels. They begin with a meeting of the WCA LMDS Coalition on April 21, with most business-oriented programs on April 23. Please click to see [Speakers](#) and the [Agenda](#).

### **About Wireless Communications Association International (WCA) & WCA 2008**

*Founded in 1988, the Wireless Communications Association represents the wireless broadband industry worldwide. Regarding **WCA 2008**, full-time news media and financial analysts can register on a complimentary basis by visiting [Registration](#), the same site as for delegates. The **WCA 2008** locale at the Grand Hyatt Hotel is nearing a sold-out status, and so WCA recommends two additional area hotels. For more information, visit: [www.wcai.com](http://www.wcai.com). ##*