FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 10, 2012

MEDIA CONTACT
Gail Norris
202-296-6650
gnorris@comptel.org

COMPTEL Comments on Creation of
FCC Technology Transitions Policy Task Force

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive communications industry, commented on the FCC’s announcement today that it is forming an agencywide Technology Transitions Policy Task Force. The following statement can be attributed to Jerry James, CEO of COMPTEL:

“COMPTEL believes that the top priority for the Task Force should be to preserve and promote competition by ensuring that competitive carriers continue to have access to last mile facilities and interconnection on just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms and conditions as required by the Communications Act, so that consumers and businesses of all sizes continue to have a choice of services and service providers. Access to copper, wireless and fiber network technologies should be available on a wholesale basis to enable competitive choice for end users and support the administration’s goals of expanding broadband across the country.

The transition to IP is just one of many technological transitions that the public telephone network has undergone over the past century. Regardless of the underlying technology, the FCC’s goal must be to ensure the continued reliability of essential voice services. Additionally, the Task Force will have to consider reliability and quality of service concerns associated with wireless alternatives, as well as disaster recovery capabilities to ensure the resiliency of IP networks.”

*****

About COMPTEL
Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members’ interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.