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**McDowell Nominated to Serve Another Term at FCC**
*COMPTEL looks forward to continuing to work with commissioner*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The White House yesterday announced its intention to nominate Republican Commissioner Robert M. McDowell to serve another term at the Federal Communications Commission. McDowell joined the federal agency in June 2006, filling a slot left vacant by former FCC Chairman Michael Powell. If McDowell is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he will serve a full, five-year term.

“We are very pleased that Commissioner McDowell has been nominated to serve another term at the FCC,” said COMPTEL CEO Jerry James. “Commissioner McDowell has proven to be a thoughtful and dedicated public servant and we look forward to continuing to work with him to address important competitive issues for the communications industry that will play a vital role in whether all service providers are able to meet the broadband goals outlined by the Administration.”

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