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Regulatory Reminder: Annual CVAA (Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act) Compliance Certifications due April 1

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Following up on an important FCC Law Blog item from 2013, entities subject to the **Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act ("CVAA")** should be aware that the April 1, 2014 deadline to electronically file the second annual recordkeeping certification is only a month away. The CVAA is a far-reaching law designed to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to fully utilize communications services and obtain better access to advanced communication systems and video programming. Unsurprisingly, many different types of communications providers are required to file the annual certification, including (but not limited to): traditional wireline telephony operators; wireline equipment manufacturers; mobile network operators; wireless handset manufacturers; cable MSOs; and streaming entertainment device makers.

As part of CVAA compliance, affected entities are required to file an annual certification demonstrating compliance with the recordkeeping requirements, and also provide certain other contact information in order to efficiently resolve consumer complaints. A detailed description of the required contents of the annual certification is included in the February 12, 2013 FCC Law Blog post available here.

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