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MEMORANDUM FOR: Beacon Manufacturers Workshop Participants

FROM: Mark Turner 
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SUBJECT: 2022 Beacon Manufacturers Workshop

I am pleased to announce this year's BMW scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2022, from 0900-1700 at the Florida Aquarium, 701 Channelside Drive, Tampa, Florida 33602 USA. There is also an option to attend the meeting virtually. Mr. Allan Knox, NOAA/SARSAT Program Analyst, will Chair the meeting on behalf of the U.S. Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking (SARSAT) Program. As in years past, the workshop is being conducted in coordination with the 2022 Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM), Annual Assembly & Conference. This year RTCM is celebrating its 75th anniversary; Happy anniversary RTCM and we appreciate the continued support and the opportunity to host the BMW workshop alongside their conference.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide an open forum with the organizations that manufacture, market, and service emergency beacons. As a representative of your industry, you will be given the opportunity to freely discuss issues that affect you and your customers with officials from the Federal Government who manage and operate the USA and International Cospas-Sarsat System. The workshop also allows the government officials to consider input from industry representatives before making decisions pertaining to the system.

There is no charge for participating in the workshop. However, there is a registration fee if you plan to attend any additional seminars during the RTCM conference. Information about the RTCM conference can be found online at <http://rtcm.org>. Please note that a separate advanced registration is required for the BMW, apart from registration for the RTCM conference.

Important registration and meeting information is provided along with this invitation. The deadline to register for the BMW is April 22nd. When registering, you must select the appropriate option to attend in-person or virtually. Those attending virtually will receive meeting access information directly once confirmed.

As a final thought, beacons have been an integral part of what has made the Cospas-Sarsat System so successful over the years. To date, over 48,000 individuals world-wide have been rescued with assistance provided by Cospas-Sarsat. We should be proud of our life-saving achievements. With your participation, I look forward to a successful workshop.

