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Michael D. Gallagher, who joined the National Telecommunications and Information Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce on November 2, 2001, is a leading member of the Bush Administration's technology team, dedicated to bringing the benefits of new and exciting telecommunications technologies to American consumers.

Working closely with the Federal Communications Commission and other federal government agencies, Mr. Gallagher directed NTIA's technical study that led to the Commission's approval of Ultrawideband, a promising new technology that could spur the development of innovative devices that efficiently use the radio frequency spectrum and could radically improve the ability of the nation's public safety entities to respond to emergencies.

Mr. Gallagher also played a key role in NTIA's development of a landmark spectrum allocation plan that paved the way for the deployment of advanced mobile telecommunications services known as "3G" to meet an anticipated demand for new wireless services in the next decade and beyond. The 3G plan, which identified 90 MHz of radio spectrum for future wireless services, was a significant element of the Administration's overall initiative to promote efficiency in the management of the radio spectrum, key to improving the quality of voice and data services, enhancing delivery of health services and increasing the nation's productivity.

Recently, Mr. Gallagher hosted a national public dialogue on issues related to the convergence of communications technologies such as the Telephone Number Mapping (ENUM) Protocol - a system that could ease communication through the use of Internet technologies. The roundtable discussion, chaired by Mr. Gallagher, elicited valuable information on the functioning and policy implications of convergence technologies such as ENUM.

Before joining NTIA, Mr. Gallagher was vice president for state public policy at Verizon Wireless, the nation's largest wireless carrier. Prior to that, he was managing director for government relations at AirTouch Communications, Inc., which was merged into Verizon Wireless. Mr. Gallagher previously served as administrative assistant to Congressman Rick White (R-Washington) and co-chaired the government relations practice group at the Perkins, Coie law firm.

Mr. Gallagher received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles.