

M-Enabling Summit

Promoting Accessible Technologies and Environments

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M-ENABLING SUMMIT REACHES NEW MILESTONE AND HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

BETHESDA, MD (June 22, 2017) – *“Making Connected Things and Services Accessible for All”* was the key theme of the 6th annual **M-Enabling Summit** held in Washington, DC June 12-14, 2017. Assembling the most successful edition to date, with over 600 participants and a 20% increase in attendance, the **M-Enabling Summit** presented a robust, all-inclusive conference bringing together top industry executives and community advocates dedicated to fostering and implementing accessible technologies and next-generation innovations for users of all abilities.

The **2017 M-Enabling Summit** offered a platform for technology companies to promote their accessible products, services and assistive technologies. The event featured the largest exhibit to date with over 40 companies displaying their latest innovations. It was the ideal opportunity for attendees to network with accessibility professionals and organizations seeking to comply with accessibility requirements and to leverage accessible technologies to offer better services and outreach for consumers.

New to the **M-Enabling Summit** this year was the addition of the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) Pre-Conference Briefing Session held on June 12th. IAAP expanded the **Summit's** reach by hosting technical and organizational training tracks for accessibility professionals.

The **M-Enabling Summit** was once again the host of the 2017 awards ceremony for the FCC Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility (Chairman's AAA). FCC Chairman Ajit Pai keynoted Tuesday afternoon's plenary session. The Awards recognized outstanding private and public-sector ventures designed to advance accessibility for people with disabilities. Winners and honorable mentions included Facebook, Amazon, Teach Access, Aira Teach, and Ava App.

Key sessions and topics that were highlighted this year at the **M-Enabling Summit** included: accessibility for better branding, social media and collaborative platforms, innovation in robotics, wearables, virtual and augmented reality, artificial intelligence, IoT, smart homes and appliances, as well as scaling-up accessibility in higher education, businesses, government, workplaces, and smart cities.

As the mobile market continues to expand at a rapid pace, the need for accessible solutions continues to climb. Accessibility has become a key factor in ICT innovation, offering new growth opportunities. The next **M-Enabling Summit** will be held June 18-20, 2018 in Washington, DC. For more information on the **M-Enabling Summit**, please visit <http://www.m-enabling.com>

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