

Iowa Public Radio's Noncommercial Educational Program

The Commission previously determined that proposed assignee Iowa Public Radio, Inc. ("IPR") is a qualified noncommercial educational entity ("NCE") with a qualifying educational program in connection with the grant of IPR's application for a new NCE FM station construction permit in FCC File Number 0000166563 (Facility ID 763527). The assignee will use the stations that are the subject of this assignment application to advance a similar program as set forth in that application.

As explained in that prior application, IPR's educational objective, and the manner in which its stations will advance educational programming in accordance with Section 73.503 of the FCC's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 73.503, are as follows:

IPR is a nonprofit organization created for the purpose of assisting with the development of public radio in Iowa. IPR currently manages and programs the noncommercial radio stations that are the subject of this and two accompanying applications (together, these applications seek to transfer the licenses from the campuses of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, namely Iowa State University of Science and Technology, the University of Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa to IPR). Since 2004, IPR has managed Iowa's statewide public radio network comprised of 26 stations that serve 250,000 listeners throughout the State of Iowa. In addition to local programming, these stations broadcast programs from National Public Radio, Public Radio International, and American Public Media. IPR's mission is to enrich civic and cultural life in Iowa through high quality news and cultural programming.

IPR is the leading source for daily radio news and conversations about important issues and trends in Iowa and includes coverage of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses, legislation, elections, statewide issues, and social movements. IPR also broadcasts concerts and other cultural events that enrich the lives of Iowans, including those through IPR's partnerships with the Des Moines Symphony, Orchestra Iowa, Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, and other local arts, music, and cultural organizations. IPR provides National Public Radio (NPR) programming, as well as community-focused and community-supported programming to listeners throughout the state.

IPR certifies that it is a non-profit entity, that its governing documents permit its advancement of an educational program, and that there is no provision in any of those documents that would restrict it from advancing an educational program or complying with any FCC rule, policy, or provision of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.