

CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Rhode Island PBS Foundation (“RIPBS”) is a Rhode Island non-for-profit corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) organization. RIPBS hereby attests that it shall operate the radio stations obtained in this proceeding to provide a non-profit and noncommercial broadcast service in accordance with Section 73.503 of the FCC’s Rules.

Formation and History

RIPBS was initially established as the Channel 36 Foundation in 1987 to raise funds and provide support solely for the benefit of the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority (the “Authority”) as long as the Authority owned and operated a non-commercial television station. In 2012, the license for WSBE-TV was assigned from the Authority to RIPBS.

The Commission previously granted a broadcast application that found RIPBS qualified as a noncommercial educational entity with a qualifying educational program. *See* FCC File No. BALEDT-20120809ABK.

RIPBS Mission

The Mission of RIPBS is as follows:

With the support of our members and sponsors, we serve the needs of all generations within Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts. We spark imagination, explore our history and reflect the values of our diverse community. Guided by civic engagement, we provide unique, high-quality local, national, and international programming and digital content that educates, inspires and entertains.

Programs

RIPBS is committed to using the most advanced telecommunications technology available, including WSBE-TV and the radio stations obtained in this proceeding, to deliver local programs that reflect issues important to community and to present relevant instructional series that enhance classroom teaching statewide. The delivery of unique, award-winning collections of performing arts, public affairs, science, nature, documentary, drama, and how-to programs that inspire and entertain viewers of all ages, will round out the educational program.

The RIPBS radio program offerings will include many of the stations’ existing programs, including the following:

1. News

- Morning Edition: National and International News from National Public Radio; Rhode Island News from RIPBS staff
- All Things Considered: content and sources per Morning Edition.
- News Hour from the BBC

- World Service from the BBC
- The Daily from New York Times

2. Commentary and Inter-Active Discussion

- On Point from WBUR Boston
- Q from the CBC
- The Takeaway from WNYC Studios
- Left, Right, and Center from KCRW

3. Education and Culture

- Fresh Air with Terry Gross from NPR
- Think with Krys Boys from North Texas Public Broadcasting
- RadioLab from WNYC Studios
- Freakonomics Radio from Renbud Radio, LLC
- Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me from NPR
- Latino USA from Futuro Media Group and NPR

4. Sports and Entertainment

- Car Talk
- The Soul Show
- Soul of Jazz
- L.A. Theater Works

As part of the proposed merger, RIPBS will be developing a set of new programs with a focus on Rhode Island itself – on education per se, on our economy and culture.