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C-SPAN is marking 10 years of televising congressional and public affairs proceedings with invitations to cable operators from around the country to visit the network's Washington, D.C. facilities. C-SPAN, a cooperative of the cable industry, has scheduled two days of events each month in order for current affiliates and prospective carriers to learn more about C-SPAN.

C-SPAN has coordinated the invitationals to provide cable operators with insight into the network's programming philosophy, reasons to carry C-SPAN, and ways to promote it among their general audience as well as to key segments of their community.

Events include tours of the network's office and the U.S. Capitol, a seminar on marketing strategy, and a discussion with C-SPAN's Programming Director Terry Murphy and Assignment Desk Editor Regina Hunter on how the network makes programming decisions. Cable operators also take part in a live call-in program in which they can question journalists or policymakers, and an evening reception featuring a roundtable discussion with C-SPAN Chairman Brian Lamb.

Cable systems interested in taking part in an invitational can call (202) 737-3220.

#### INVITATIONAL GUEST LIST ATTENDEES TO DATE 5/26/89

NAME	TITLE	SYSTEM	MSO	LOCATION	DATE ATTENDED
MARTHA GALLAHUE LISA MURPHY LESLIE GUTH KEN CAMERON DEBBIE BARACKMAN CYNTHIA YOUNG JOHN KEAVENEY SCOTT MARSHALL BRUCE WILLIAMS MAX KIPFER DONNA PATTERSON CAROL MORGAN TOM WALDROP SUSAN CIESLAK DON ADAMSON	MKTG COORDINATOR MKTG DIRECTOR MKTG DIRECTOR REGIONAL MKTG MGR MKTG DIRECTOR PR DIRECTOR GENERAL MGR GENERAL MGR MKTG DIRECTOR GENERAL MGR TRAINER MGR SUB SERVICES PRESIDENT VP, OPERATIONS ASST MGR SUB SVCS	BENCHMARK COMM C-4 MEDIA C-4 MEDIA CATV ARLINGTON CATV ARLINGTON CATV MONTGOMERY DISTRICT CV DISTRICT CV HOWARD CATV MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL	BENCHMARK BENCHMARK C-4 MEDIA C-4 MEDIA HAUSER HAUSER HAUSER TCI TCI TCI STORER MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL MEDIA GENERAL	WASHINGTON, DC WASHINGTON, DC VIENNA, VA VIENNA, VA ARLINGTON, VA ARLINGTON, VA WASHINGTON, DC WASHINGTON, DC ELLICOTT CITY, MD CHANTILLY, VA CHANTILLY, VA CHANTILLY, VA CHANTILLY, VA	January
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# NOTES/COMMENTS:

Larry-

Gene Grabauski suggested I send you this information regarding our invitationals. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 737.3220.
Have a great weekend! Regards, Knisting thanks a great weekend!