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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 00-895]

700 MHz Guard Band Pre-Auction Seminar Thursday, April 27, 2000

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces a free pre-auction seminar scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2000. This seminar will provide information about pre-auction procedures, service and auction rules, conduct of the auction, and the FCC remote bidding software.

DATES: April 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Garland of the Auctions Operations Branch at (717) 338-2888, or for Press Inquiries, Meribeth McCarrick at (202) 418-0654.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a Public Notice released April 20, 2000. The complete text of the public notice, including the registration form, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

1. The free seminar for the 700 MHz Guard Band Auction (Auction No. 33) is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2000. Interested parties must pre-register using the attached form or by calling the FCC's Auctions Hotline at (888)-225-5322, and select option #2, or (717) 338-2888.

2. The seminar will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will end by 4 p.m. Potential bidders in the auction are strongly encouraged to attend. This seminar provides an opportunity for hands-on demonstrations of the FCC filing and bidding software and access to the FCC staff responsible for the 700 MHz band licensing and auction conduct procedures.

It is strongly advised that all potential bidders review the public notices released for this auction prior to the seminar.

3. The following is a timeline of the important events prior to the auction start date:

Deadline to register for Pre-Auction

Seminar: April 25, 2000, 5:30 p.m. ET

Seminar Date: April 27, 2000

FCC Form 175 Application Deadline:

May 9, 2000, 6:00 p.m. ET

Upfront Payment Deadline: May 26,

2000, 6:00 p.m. ET

Orders for Remote Bidding Software:

May 30, 2000, 6:00 p.m. ET

Mock Auction: June 12, 2000

Auction Start Date: June 14, 2000

Federal Communications Commission.

Louis J. Sigalos,

Deputy Chief, Auctions and Industry Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 00-878]

747-762 and 777-792 MHz Band Pre-Auction Seminar Monday, April 24, 2000

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces a free pre-auction seminar scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2000. This seminar will provide information about pre-auction procedures, service and auction rules, conduct of the auction, and the FCC remote bidding software.

DATES: April 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Garland of the Auctions Operations Branch at (717) 338-2888, or for Press Inquiries, Meribeth McCarrick at (202) 418-0654.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a Public Notice released April 18, 2000. The complete text of the public notice, including the registration form, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

1. The free seminar for the 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Band Auction

(Auction No. 31) is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2000. Interested parties must pre-register using the attached form or by calling the FCC's Auctions Hotline at (888)-225-5322, and select option #2, or (717) 338-2888.

2. The seminar will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will end by 4 p.m. Potential bidders in the auction are strongly encouraged to attend. This seminar provides an opportunity for hands-on demonstrations of the FCC filing and bidding software and access to the FCC staff responsible for the 700 MHz band licensing and auction conduct procedures.

It is strongly advised that all potential bidders review the public notices released for this auction prior to the seminar.

3. The following is a timeline of the important events prior to the auction start date:

Deadline to register for Pre-Auction

Seminar: April 21, 2000, 5:30 p.m. ET

Seminar Date: April 24, 2000

FCC Form 175 Application Deadline:

May 8, 2000, 6:00 p.m. ET

Upfront Payment Deadline: May 22,

2000, 6:00 p.m. ET

Orders for Remote Bidding Software:

May 23, 2000, 6:00 p.m. ET

Mock Auction: June 2, 2000

Auction Start Date: June 7, 2000

Federal Communications Commission.

Louis J. Sigalos,

Deputy Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-00-34-B (Auction No. 34); DA 00-877]

Auction of Additional Licenses for 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Service To Be Included in Auction No. 34 Scheduled for August 23, 2000; Comment Sought on Reserve Prices or Minimum Opening Bids and Other Auction Procedural Issues

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides additional information concerning the 800 MHz licenses being offered in Auction No. 34 scheduled to commence August 23, 2000. This document also seeks comment on procedural issues

related to the auctioning of these licenses in Auction No. 34.

DATES: Comments are due on or before April 28, 2000, and reply comments are due on or before May 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: To file formally, parties must submit an original and four paper copies to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, TW—A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, parties must submit one copy to M. Nicole Oden, Attorney, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 4—A337, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. One copy to Rana Shuler, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 4—A628, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Public Reference Room, Room CY—A257, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Oden, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, (Legal Branch) at (202) 418-0660; Kathy Garland or Bob Reagle, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, (Auction Operations) at (717) 338-2888.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of a Public Notice released April 18, 2000. The complete text of the public notice, including Attachment A is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY—A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

1. This Public Notice provides additional information about the 800 MHz licenses being offered in Auction No. 34. See DA 00-667, Auction of Licenses for 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Service General Category Frequencies in the 851-854 MHz Band Scheduled for August 23, 2000 (*Auction No. 34 Comment Public Notice*) 65 FR 17268 (March 31, 2000). Specifically, Auction No. 34 will include three 800 MHz Upper Band licenses (861-865 MHz). Attachment A contains a listing of the three additional licenses that will be offered in Auction

No. 34. This Public Notice also seeks comment on procedural issues related to the auctioning of these licenses in Auction No. 34.

2. The frequencies and channels numbers associated with each spectrum block are listed below. Spectrum block A is allocated 20 channels, spectrum block B is allocated 60 channels, and spectrum block C is allocated 120 channels.

Spectrum block	Channel Nos.	Frequencies (Base & Mobile)
A	401-420	861.0-861.5 MHz 816.0-816.5 MHz
B	421-480	861.5-863.0 MHz 816.5-818.0 MHz
C	481-600	863.0-866.0 MHz 818.0-821.0 MHz

I. Reserve Price or Minimum Opening Bid

3. The Bureau proposes to utilize the same minimum opening bids previously established for the 800 MHz Upper Band licenses in Auction No. 16, rounded to the nearest hundred dollars. See DA 97-2147, Auction of 800 MHz SMR Upper 10 MHz Band, Minimum Opening Bids or Reserve Prices (*SMR Order*) 62 FR 55251 (October 23, 1997). A list of the three additional licenses, including the related geographic service area population and minimum opening bid, is attached hereto as Attachment A. The Bureau believes minimum opening bids, rather than reserve prices, will help to regulate the pace of the auction and provide greater flexibility. Comment is sought on this proposal. Alternatively, comment is sought on whether, consistent with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the public interest would be served by having no minimum opening bid or reserve price.

II. Upfront Payments and Initial Maximum Eligibility for Each Bidder

4. The Bureau proposes to use the same upfront payments as previously established for the 800 MHz Upper Band licenses in Auction No. 16. See DA 97-1672, Auction of 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio Service Licenses (*Auction No. 16 Public Notice*) 62 FR 49228 (September 19, 1997). A list of these licenses, including the related geographic service area population and upfront payment, is attached hereto as Attachment A. We seek comment on this proposal.

5. We further propose that the amount of the upfront payment submitted by a bidder will determine the initial maximum eligibility (as measured in bidding units) for each bidder. Upfront payments will not be attributed to

specific licenses, but instead will be translated into bidding units to define a bidder's initial maximum eligibility, which cannot be increased during the auction. Thus, in calculating the upfront payment amount, an applicant must determine the *maximum* number of bidding units it may wish to bid on (or hold high bids on) in any single round, and submit an upfront payment covering that number of bidding units. We seek comment on this proposal.

III. Other Auction Procedural Issues

6. In the *Auction No. 34 Comment Public Notice*, the Bureau set forth and sought comment on the following proposals relating to auction structure and bidding procedures: (1) Simultaneous multiple round auction design; (2) upfront payments and initial maximum eligibility; (3) activity rules; (4) activity rule waivers and reducing eligibility; (5) information relating to auction delay, suspension or cancellation; (6) round structure; (7) reserve or minimum opening bid; (8) minimum accepted bids and bid increments; (9) information regarding bid withdrawal and bid removal; and (10) the stopping rule. The Bureau proposes to utilize the same auction structure and procedures for the additional licenses listed in Attachment A that it utilizes for the auction of all other licenses in Auction No. 34. We seek comment on these proposals as they relate to the licenses listed in Attachment A.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate