Competition Bureaus provide supplemental filing instructions for the Mobility Fund Phase I Auction for completing FCC Form 180, announce the availability of certain updated files and provide other information regarding Auction 901.

DATES: Short-Form applications are due prior to 6 p.m. on July 11, 2012.


1. On May 2, 2012, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau (the Bureaus) announced the procedures for the Mobility Fund Phase I auction scheduled for September 27, 2012 (Auction 901). The Bureaus provide supplemental filing instructions for completing FCC Form 180, announce the availability of certain updated files, and provide additional information regarding certain details of Auction 901.

Short-Form Application (FCC Form 180) Filing Instructions

2. In the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, 77 FR 32092, May 31, 2012, the Bureaus provided general instructions for completing FCC Form 180 and stated that they would provide additional instructions about accessing, completing, and viewing the FCC Form 180 in a separate public notice. The instructions provided in Attachment A to the Supplemental Filing Instructions Public Notice supplement those contained in the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice.

Updated Files

3. In the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, the Bureaus identified census blocks eligible for the Mobility Fund Phase I support to be offered in Auction 901. The Bureaus also released files containing information about these census blocks. In the Auction 901 Additional Data Formats Public Notice, (DA 12–721 released May 8, 2012) the Bureaus announced the availability of an additional file with information about the biddable geographic areas for Auction 901. In the Supplemental Filing Instructions Public Notice, the Bureaus announce the availability of updated versions of some of these files, which are available via the link for Attachment A Files at http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/901/. Specifically, in the Biddable Items file, the All Eligible Census Blocks file, and five of the state spreadsheets have been updated. In the Biddable Items file, the header of one of the columns has been changed from Pop10 to Population, and the header of another column has been changed from Tribal Area to Tribal Land. These changes were made to be more consistent with how the data will be presented in the FCC Auction System. Additionally some of the entries in the Tribe and Tribal Land columns have been changed. In the previous version of the data, the name of any tribe or Tribal land that should have included an apostrophe erroneously included two apostrophes. The new file fixes this.

4. The apostrophe anomaly also affected the All Eligible Census Blocks file and five of the state spreadsheets. Consequently, the All Eligible Census Blocks file and the state spreadsheets for Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Michigan, and Montana have been revised.

Additional Details for Determining Winning Bids

5. In the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, the Bureaus described the approach they would use to determine winning bids, including procedures to ensure that at most one bid per geographic area is awarded, the use of random numbers to address tied bids, and the Bureaus procedures when remaining funds are insufficient to support the next lowest bid. The Bureaus clarify those procedures, in particular with respect to the Bureaus’ $300 million budget.

service to as many road miles as possible within the Bureaus' $300 million budget.

6. For each submitted bid, the Bureaus will assign a random selection number, which they will use in two ways: To break any tied bids for the same area, and to establish an order in which they will assign bids with the remaining funds are insufficient to award support to all the bids in that amount. The Bureaus will also calculate a gross dollar support amount associated with the bid, equal to the gross bid amount times the number of qualifying road miles in the area. To ensure that they award support to as much as possible within the Bureaus’ $300 million budget, the Bureaus will first compare net bids (taking into account bidding credits where applicable) for each biddable area, and for each area, they will assign the lowest net bid for further consideration. If there are ties for the lowest bid in an area, the Bureaus will retain the bid with the highest selection number.

7. To select winning bids, the Bureaus will then compare the retained bids for all areas by sorting them in ascending order of net bid amount (dollars per road mile) and descending order of selection number. The Bureaus will award support to bids in this order, starting with the lowest bid/highest selection number, as long as remaining funds are sufficient to cover the gross dollar support amount of the bid. If a bid cannot be awarded because its gross dollar support would exceed the remaining funds, the Bureaus will skip the bid and consider the next lowest bid/highest selection number, awarding as much support as possible within the Bureaus’ $300 million budget.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

ACTION: Notice of request for renewal of previously approved collection form FMCS F–7.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) invites
comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the renewal of the Notice to Mediation Agencies Form (FMCS Form F–7; OMB control number 3076–0004). The request will seek a three-year extension. There are no changes being submitted with this request. FMCS is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments by mail to the Office of Arbitration Services, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 2100 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20427 or by contacting the person whose name appears under the section titled FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Comments may be submitted also by fax at (202) 606–3749 or electronic mail (email) to arbitration@fmcs.gov. All comments must be identified by the appropriate agency form number. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through email. Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of the information as “CBI.” Information so marked will not be disclosed but a copy of the comment that does contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. FMCS may disclose information not marked confidential publicly without prior notice. All written comments will be available for inspection in Room 704 at the Washington, DC address above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Notice to Mediation Agencies (FMCS Form F7; OMB control number 3076–0004) are available from the Office of Arbitration Services by calling, faxing or writing to Vella M. Traynham at the address above. Please ask for the form by title and agency form number.

I. Information Collection Requests

FMCS is seeking comments on the following Information Collection Request (ICR).

Title: Notice to Mediation Agencies; FMCS Form F–7; OMB No. 3076–0004; Expiration date: October 1, 2012.

Type of Request: Request for Renewal of a previously approved notice without changes in the collection.

Affected Entities: Parties affected by this information collection are private sector employers and labor unions involved in interstate commerce who file notices for mediation services to the FMCS.

Frequency: Parties complete this form once, which is at the time of an impending expiration of a collective bargaining agreement.

Abstract: Under the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, 29 U.S.C. 158(d), Congress listed specific notice provisions so that no party to a collective bargaining agreement can terminate or modify a collective bargaining contract, unless the party wishing to terminate or modify the contract sends a written notice to the other party sixty days prior to the expiration date (29 U.S.C. 158(d)(1)), and offers to meet and confer with the other party for the purpose of negotiating a new or modified contract (29 U.S.C. 158(d)(2)). The Act requires that parties notify FMCS within thirty days after such notice of the existence of a bargaining dispute (29 U.S.C. 158(d)(3)). The 1974 amendments to the National Labor Relations Act extended coverage to nonprofit health care institutions, including similar notices to FMCS. 29 U.S.C. 158(d) and (g). To facilitate handling around 14,400 notices a year, FMCS created information collection form F–7. The purpose of this information collection activity is for FMCS to comply with its statutory duty to receive these notices, to facilitate assignment of mediators to assist in labor disputes, and to assist the parties in knowing whether or not proper notice was given. The information from these notices is sent electronically to the appropriate field manager who assigns the cases to a mediator so that the mediator may contact labor and management quickly, efficiently, and offer dispute resolution services. Either party to a contract may make a request in writing for a copy of the notice filed with FMCS. Form F–7 was created to allow FMCS to gather desired information in a uniform manner. The collection of such information, including the name of the employer or employer association, address and phone number, email address, official contact, bargaining unit and establishment size, location of affected establishment and negotiations, industry, union address, phone number, email address and official contact, contract expiration date or renewal date, whether the notice is filed on behalf of the employer or the union, and whether this is a health care industry notice is critical for reporting and mediation purposes.

Burden Statement: The current annual burden estimate is approximately 14,400 respondents. The annual hour burden is estimated at 2,400 hours, approximately 10 minutes for each notice to fill out a one-page form.

II. Request for Comments

FMCS solicits comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information to be collected will have practical utility.

(ii) Enhance the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology.

III. The Official Record

The official record is the paper electronic record maintained at the address at the beginning of this document. FMCS will transfer all electronically received comments into printed-paper form as they are received.


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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 inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested