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AUCTION NO. 45 CELLULAR RURAL SERVICE AREAS AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 29, 2002

Reminder: Pre-Auction Seminar April 10, 2002

A free FCC pre-auction seminar for the Cellular Rural Service Areas Auction (Auction No. 45) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2002. Interested parties must pre-register using the attached form or by calling the FCC. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will end by 2 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street S.W., Room 4-B516, Washington, D.C. 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 systems, as well as access to the FCC staff responsible for the Cellular Rural Service Areas licensing and auction conduct procedures.

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

Deadline to register for Pre-Auction Seminar:	April 8, 2002
Seminar Date:	April 10, 2002
Short Form Application (FCC Form 175):	April 17, 2002 6:00 p.m. ET
Upfront Payments (via wire transfer):	May 6, 2002 6:00 p.m. ET
Mock Auction:	May 23, 2002
Auction Start Date:	May 29, 2002

It is strongly advised that potential bidders review all public notices released for this auction prior to the seminar. To register for the seminar, please contact the FCC's Auctions Hotline at (888)-225-5322, Press Option #2, or directly at (717) 338-2888.

For further information, please contact Barbara Sibert of the Auctions Operations Branch at (717) 338-2888, or for press inquiries, Meribeth McCarrick at (202) 418-0654.

FCC AUCTION SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Auction No. 45

The FCC will sponsor a one-day seminar for Auction No. 45 applicants. The seminar is free of charge and will provide information about pre-auction procedures, service and auction rules, conduct of the auction, and the Automated Auction System.

A maximum of two representatives from each company may attend on a reservation basis, firstcome first-served until room capacity is filled. Additional seating may be available on a standby basis the day of the seminar. The seminar will be held:

> Wednesday, April 10, 2002 Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Room 4-B516 Washington, DC 20554 Registration 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Seminar 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. If hotel accommodations are needed Please contact 1-888-225-5322 (option #2) for a list of hotels in the area *****

> > To register, complete the form below and return by mail or fax to be received no later than

> > > Monday, April 8, 2002, to:

FCC Auction 45 Auctions Operations Branch 1270 Fairfield Road Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

> FAX: 717-338-2850 Phone: 717-338-2888

I/We will attend the Auction No. 45 Seminar, scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2002.

Name of attendee:

Name of attendee:

Company name:

Phone: Fax: