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## APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 16, 2010, FOR THE UPCOMING AUCTION OF LOWER AND UPPER PAGING BANDS LICENSES (AUCTION 87)

## AU Docket No. 09-205

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("Bureau") reminds parties interested in participating in the upcoming auction of 9,603 licenses for lower and upper paging bands spectrum ("Auction 87") that their auction applications must be submitted prior to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on March 16, 2010. To complete an auction application, known as a "short-form application" (FCC Form 175), an applicant must provide basic information, including disclosure of ownership and bidding arrangements, license selection, and revenue information (for those applicants seeking a bidding credit).

Failure to submit a short-form application prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on March 16, 2010, would bar participation in Auction 87, which is scheduled to commence on May 25, 2010. Given the large number of licenses to be offered in Auction 87, completing a short-form application for this auction may take more time than for previous auctions. Therefore, the Bureau encourages potential applicants to begin completing their short-form applications well before the March 16, 2010, deadline. The Bureau also encourages applicants to pay particular attention to the license selection on their short-form applications. Late applications will not be accepted, and applicants will not be able to change their license selections after the short-form application filing deadline.<sup>3</sup>

If applicants have technical questions or need assistance with completing and submitting their short-form application – including questions on license selection – they should call the FCC Auctions Technical Support Hotline at (877) 480-3201 (option nine) or (202) 414-1250, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET. For legal questions, applicants should contact Scott Mackoul at (202) 418-0660.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See "Auction of Lower and Upper Paging Bands Licenses Scheduled for May 25, 2010; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments, and Other Procedures for Auction 87," AU Docket No. 09-205, *Public Notice*, DA 10-18 (rel. Jan. 22, 2010) ("Auction 87 Procedures Public Notice").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Applicants may use pre-defined filters to narrow the list of licenses that they wish to select and save. *See Auction 87 Procedures Public Notice* at C-3 and C-4. Those applicants wishing to select all 9,603 licenses can use the "Service Code" or "Frequency Band" filters to expedite selecting all licenses. After submitting their short-form applications, applicants should confirm their license selections. Applicants will be able to print their short-form applications, and they will have the option to print their license selections as well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Auction 87 Procedures Public Notice at ¶¶ 64-65, 106.